



November 16, 2006

Mr. Jarrett Lucas
Soulforce, Inc.

Dear Jarrett,

Thank you for writing regarding Soulforce's interest in dialogue with Cedarville University. As the Vice President for Student Life, I will respond to your questions and requests.

Your letter states that you are considering a visit to Cedarville because our handbook "...maintains a policy that creates a disparity between treatment of homosexual and heterosexual students." Our mission as a Christ-centered university is to provide an education for our students that is grounded in Biblical truth. The Bible's clear teaching guides our practice of prohibiting homosexual acts.

Jarrett, I know that it will take a lot of effort for you to prepare this trip. I want to be sure that you fully understand Cedarville's position as you seek to determine which schools to visit. Having reviewed Soulforce's website, I need to make it very clear to you that Cedarville University's position on this issue is in direct opposition to the perspective outlined on your website. We are not open to changing or reconsidering our policies on homosexuality. If your goal is to help institutions like Cedarville moderate their policies, we suggest that you exclude Cedarville from your itinerary and focus on institutions that are more open to your position. Our convictions Biblically do not allow us this latitude.

At the same time, we agree that this is one of the most critical issues facing the church today, and we grieve over the way some people have treated homosexuals in the name of Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to every problem facing mankind and that He alone can forgive our sins and restore our relationship with our Creator.

If you choose to include Cedarville in your itinerary, we will recognize your dignity as individuals created in God's image and seek to share the truth of his Word and the compassion of Jesus Christ. If you wish to continue this discussion please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AR Ruby", enclosed within a large, loopy, hand-drawn oval shape.

Dr. Carl Ruby
Vice President for Student Life