Dear Potential Hire,

It is with mixed emotions that I craft this letter. I have loved my time at Shoreline Church as the Student Ministries Director. Pastor Bill asked me to share a little about why I was leaving, as you are considering whether this might be a good fit for you. This is my last school year because I have accepted a job with Compass Rose Academy, a Christian, residential treatment center for troubled girls located in Wabash, IN. I will be joining their team of houseparents starting the beginning of August. My last official day at Shoreline will be Sunday, June 7, 2020. I was not necessarily looking to leave and there is nothing wrong that forced me to seek out other options. I simply feel that God is opening another door and I am trying to follow obediently.

I could not have asked for a better church family or first job out of college. I feel I have learned and grown a lot, and for that I am thankful. The thought of leaving makes me really sad because of the relationships that have been built here. I have felt very loved, supported and encouraged in this role at Shoreline. This decision has not been made lightly. Ever since last summer, God has been stirring within me a desire for more life-on-life ministry, and over the course of the past eight months He has very clearly opened this door with Compass Rose. This was confirmed early March as I fasted and prayed about whether to accept the position. I am excited for all He has in store during this next season of life and trust He will provide just like He did when I moved here.

So, as you are considering applying for this position, know that I have done my best to finish strong and to set things up for the transition well. I feel the youth ministry and the church are both in a healthy spot, even in the midst of the current situation. Shoreline took a chance on a young, college grad five years ago and allowed me to partner with what God was already doing here in Oak Harbor. I trust He will continue that good work long after I am gone. Thanks for considering this position.

Sincerely,

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