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Rev. Quill & Dr. Stein
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Dear Rev. Quill and Dr. Stein,

I want to commend you for developing the mission and vision of TRUTH and thank you very much for inviting me to join its Board of Directors.

We have come to know each other so well over the past few years through our mutual exchanges and dialogues at different places of worship in the greater Houston area, our common involvement in the Anti-Defamation League's "Coalition for Mutual Respect" & its "Clergy Leadership Institute" and various other Interfaith activities in Houston. Our relationship has become increasingly important to me both personally and professionally and I look forward to strengthening it further via our involvement with TRUTH.

As a Muslim and as a professor in the business school at the University of Houston, I believe that TRUTH can offer incredible opportunities for leadership development. I know of no better way of becoming a valued partner in the Houston community than by getting to know and work with people of other faiths, ethnic background and disciplines. Only through human connection and dialogue can we learn to understand, trust and live in hope. Traveling together to places which have dealt with change in the world can be nothing short of empowering for all of us. Leadership development is vital. Investing in the lives of young people by including student leaders as part of these travels promises to help awaken them to the commonalities that unite us as citizens of the world even though our cultural and religious backgrounds may differ. God willing, it also will become a beacon of hope for other cities in the United States and the world.

The mission and vision of TRUTH is indeed vital at this time in our history and I am indeed much honored to serve with you and others in this endeavor and pray for its success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Basheer M. Khumawala'.

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