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Mr. Mamdouh Mahmoud
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Dear Mr. Mahmoud:

Chaplains depend so heavily on volunteers as a natural part of chaplaincy programming that we too easily neglect to say thanks for a job well done. This note with the enclosed certificate represents a feeble attempt to do just that. I would be honored if you would accept this as a token of my sincere appreciation on behalf of the O.L. Luther Unit, and Warden Laughlin and myself, for your gifts of volunteer service and excellence in Islamic Ministry .

As you know, Mamdouh, to attempt religious programming in such a pluralistic society as a prison environment is an awesome task. Chaplaincy resources are limited by budget restraints and staff shortages. Only by your generosity of time and talent can chaplaincy meet the demands of evolving program needs and the spiritual needs of both staff and offenders.

Again I say thank you, Mamdouh, first for your faithfulness in service to your Lord, and for your generosity, willingness and boldness in sharing a word of hope and faith with our incarcerated citizens. I thank my God for every remembrance of you (Philippians 1:3-6). It is my great pleasure to be on the front lines of God's great adventure of redemption, and to be your fellow servant, a partner with you in ministry. May God richly bless and keep you and yours throughout the holiday season. And may He usher you into the second year of the new millenium with grace and peace.

In His Grace,
Your chaplain and fellow servant,



Gary Mayfield