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Rabbi David Lilienthal
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In De Wolken 45
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Dear Rabbi Lilienthal,

I am sending this letter to you and, through you, to all members of the Levisson Institute's Board and Academic Committee. Though several months have passed since the Executive Committee of the Rabbinic Review Committee (RRC) of the World Union affirmed rabbinic recognition on the 5 graduating students from the Levisson Institute, inadvertently, no formal letter to that effect was ever sent to you. It is now my pleasure, on behalf of the RRC Executive Committee, to re-affirm this matter.

I am pleased to inform you that a personal letter is being sent to each newly ordained rabbi from the Levisson Institute affirming World Union rabbinic recognition on each graduate. As I have shared with you on numerous occasions, the World Union views with great pride and admiration the pioneering accomplishments of the Levisson Institute and its determination to establish rabbinic training for a new generation of Dutch religious leaders. We are especially proud of your personal dedication to the founding of the Levisson Institute and of your remarkable leadership qualities which have guided the Institute to such accomplishments.

The fact that this first class of Levisson rabbis has already established themselves in important rabbinic roles for the Dutch Jewish community and beyond, is an added tribute to the Levisson Institute. May the success of the Levisson Institute and its future impact on Dutch Jewry continue to grow from strength to strength.

B'vracha,

Joel

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