Certification of Minister's License for Martin Luther King, Jr.

4 February 1948
Atlanta, Ga.

Lillian Watkins, the secretary at Ebenezer Baptist Church, sent this brief letter to Crozer Theological Seminary to verify King's status as a licensed minister as requested in the application. Watkins states that King is to be ordained on 18 February 1948, but in his letter of 5 March recommending his son to Crozer, King, Sr., notes that the ordination was on 25 February.

To Whom it may Concern:

This is to certify that Martin Luther King, Jr., is a licensed Minister, by vote of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta Georgia.

He will be ordained Wednesday February 18th, 1948.

[signed as below]
Lillian D. Watkins

TLS. CRO-NRCR.

From Charles E. Batten

18 February 1948

My Dear Mr. King:

I was very happy to receive your application for admission to the Crozer Theological Seminary together with the material enclosed with it. Your transcript has arrived. As soon as I hear from your references, I shall let you know officially concerning your admission to Crozer. I trust everything will work out satisfactorily for you to be a student with us.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,
Charles E. Batten

CEB:w

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