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Good day,

I am a TWU alum, I identify with Christianity, I'm gay, and I will apply for TWU's law school program.

I am a proud TWU alum from the class of 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts. I was privileged to serve the university community for three years as an employed student leader, and will toot my own horn claiming creative license behind the tradition now titled, "Fort Week" - probably the most, highly anticipated and fun week of TWU campus life.

I am a gay man and this may be qualified if you ask Paul, Guillaume, Étienne, Mike, or Marvin and all our witnesses.

I identify with Christianity, and with Christians. I was raised in Christian community in my hometown of Agassiz, BC near Vancouver. I was employed as an evangelical missionary for two years throughout Canada and started a "house church" at SFU, as well as incorporating a church here in Ottawa.

I am not a fan of the Community Covenant's interpretation of biblical scriptures regarding "healthy sexuality," however, I adhered to it once and I can do it again.

I will put in an application to be one of TWU's first law school graduates. If successful, I expect Canadian law societies will recognize this achievement and allow me to practice common law in my country.

But this is a single man writing, could TWU kick me out if they discovered I was a married man?

Thanks for your consideration,

Philip Wouda
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