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January 14th, 2002
Building Committee Chair
Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

To Whom it May Concern,

In January of 1998, our congregation approved the formation of a building committee to construct our first house of worship. One of our first actions was to research architects for consideration. Shortly thereafter we interviewed four architectural firms. After through consideration, we selected Mr. Jeff Smies of Smies & Associates, Architects LLC. In April of 2000 we moved into the first phase of our new building. This past fall our building committee was reformed to plan and complete the second, final, phase. The committee unanimously and enthusiastically chose Mr. Smies. We could not imagine proceeding with another firm.

Jeff Smies is a fine Christian man of the highest integrity. Our committee, as well as the congregation, was very pleased that he prayed with us and attended our church on several occasions. He committed himself to the job totally.

During the first phase, Mr. Smies attended every building committee meeting personally. It is his philosophy to be closely involved to enable him to meet the needs of the customer in the most effective way possible. He was always extremely well prepared and participated in a patient and very helpful manner. He surveyed our congregation, listened to individual suggestions, worked with the Town Board to obtain approval for the project, and spent much time with the Waukesha County Park and Planning Board. I believe his preparation and sincere style helped greatly in our obtaining approval from both units of local government. Mr. Smies did not miss a detail and he worked very well with all contractors and others involved with the construction phase. It was comforting to know Jeff was on top of things during that time as well.

Our congregation is anxious to proceed with the second phase of construction. It is my belief that some of that enthusiasm is due to our confidence in Mr. Jeff Smies and his firm. I am pleased to give Mr. Jeff Smies my highest, unqualified recommendation.

Sincerely,