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To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider this a letter of recommendation for Smies & Associates Architects LLC. for their work on our building project.

We have had the opportunity to work with Jeff Smies on two projects. We first began working with Jeff in 1991 when he was selected (during extensive interviews) to be the architect for our \$900,000 sanctuary expansion. We selected Jeff once more (again after extensive interviews) in 2003 to be the architect for our \$1,800,000 addition of new offices, kitchen, youth room, classrooms and fellowship hall.

Construction occurred in the 2004-2005 timeframe. As with the earlier project, Jeff was extremely diligent in working with our building committee and with the construction firm (Stodola-Maas Construction, Inc.).

Our Building Committee was impressed and pleased with Jeff's commitment to and knowledge of church construction, especially in relation to building design and function as well as congregational needs. He was very professional in his presentations and yet very much "one of us" when it came to our working relationship. Several on the committee have personally expressed to me how much they enjoyed working with Jeff. We are all very pleased with the final design and with Jeff's follow through and accessibility during construction.

I am honored to provide a letter of commendation on Jeff's behalf. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or for further information. My home number is (920) 887-8707.

Sincerely,



Richard Zieman
Building Committee Chairman
Peace Lutheran Church