

WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To Whom it May Concern:

Wake Forest Presbyterian Church (WFPC) has worked with Fanning Howey Associates (formerly The Roberts Group) over a period of several years. It was in the late 1990s that it was apparent that WFPC was not going to remain the relatively small community church that was once envisioned. It became evident that we were a rapidly growing church and as we passed the 700 member mark we recognized our need to undertake the planning to accommodate this growth.

After several years of strategic planning it became apparent WFPC needed to generate a Master Plan for our future growth and purpose. After a competitive process FHA was selected to provide the leadership in undertaking this defining process. They worked with the various committees and groups within the church to define concepts that best met the overall mission of the church. They worked with the church to define how to phase our expansion and to define the scope of the first phase of expansion that met our immediate needs and was within our budget.

The FHA completed the design of the Christian Life Center, administrative office space and expanding our classroom wing space as Phase II of this plan. The design and specifications package resulted in a successful bid from the selected construction firm This effort was completed in October of 2002. Since the completion of Phase II of our Master Plan I have received no complaints from any member of the congregation about the work. This seemingly complete satisfaction of the congregation speaks highly of the firm we selected to do this job,

In 2007 WFPC recognized the need for more classroom space for our ever growing Sunday School and Pre-School activities. As a result the Session approved our proceeding with the next phase (Phase III) of our Master Plan that consisted of completing the Education Building. Again through a competitive process FHA was selected to work with the church and design a facility that met our needs. In 2008 the design and cost estimates were complete. The design and estimated cost were reviewed and approved by the Session in 2008. Although the Session was in complete agreement with the design and proposed cost they felt that due to the rather sudden change in the country's economy it was not advisable to proceed and take on more debt at the time. As a result FHA was asked to put the implementation of Phase III of our Master Plan on temporary hold until the economy of the country and our church improved. This was done with the understanding that the Project would pick up where we left off and then proceed with the design/build that had been put on hold.

Although we are in a holding phase at present WFPC is very pleased with our cooperative effort with Fanning Howey (Formerly The Roberts Group) and plan to proceed with them when the economy permits. We are pleased to recommend them to you.

Sincerely,
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