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Mr. Cliff Layman
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Dear Mr. Layman,

The Vestry of St. John's Church would like to thank you for the outstanding work that you have done for us through the past few years. The Church and Rectory built in the 1850s and 1860s respectively were upgraded with slate roofs in the 1870s. Our "new" building, the Parish Hall is 1915 vintage. In recent times, slate repairs were made with materials that were not compatible in quality or color. Flashing that had been replaced resulted in poorly re-installed slate. Additionally we had two chronic leaks which invaded the Sacristy wall and a Tower room ceiling the sources having evaded several roofers and a structural engineer.

Your firm has been able to find suitable slate for repairs and has solved the mysterious leaks both of which involved stone masonry problems requiring creative flashings or stone resetting. Indeed, during the process of repairing slate on our 115 foot steeple, you detected improperly installed flashing done by a steeplejack firm and corrected the situation.

High praise is also deserved for the excellent copper work that you have performed on the Church. You have installed new guttering and spouting which for the first time in memory do not spill in heavy downpours, and they are positioned more appropriately and hung more securely with techniques suitable to the timber configuration at the drip edges. In other instances you have reorganized roof drainage patterns on the Rectory curing damp in stone walls.

The Vestry holds your work in the highest regard and recommends your firm to all -- especially to those who might have historic buildings.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Roach
People's Churchwarden