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Dear WSUMC Community and Congregation,

On behalf of the WSUMC Preschool Board and Teachers, I am writing to let you know how thrilled the preschool is to be finally "at home" in the beautiful and historic Washington Street Church. The preschool staff and I love our new classrooms and facility. Our classrooms are even brighter and more beautiful than ever, and our students are as engaged as ever!

Over the course of the past few years while the Education Building was for sale, and plans were being implemented for operations of all church and preschool functions, we never imagined a more wonderful turn of events. If presented with the idea of two consecutive and large renovation/construction projects two years ago, admittedly, I would have been very reluctant and anxious. However, our experience over this past summer has made me look at this next phase in a new way. The renovations over the summer months went extremely smoothly. Russell Gage Construction, in tandem with Maginnis- Del Ninno Architects, did a truly outstanding job from start to finish and exceeded our expectations in every way imaginable. The construction crew could not have been more courteous, reliable and responsive. At all times, areas in which they worked was kept safe and clean. They made sure that throughout the course of the day, any area which was not strictly a work zone, was swept, mopped and wiped down repeatedly. Throughout the project, I observed Russell Gage personally attend to the most menial issues that arose. Russell Gage and Theresa Del Ninno kept all of apprised of progress at all times. They were responsive to our questions and our needs at all times. I would be remiss if I didn't applaud John Thompson who has done an incredible job of being the project manager and overseeing this entire endeavor. JT's attention to detail and his follow through has been truly exceptional.

I am writing to you today to let you know that WSUMC Preschool is fully supportive of the next phase of renovations should this be the congregation's wish. If you have any questions about our first-hand knowledge of this past summer's renovation and construction, please don't hesitate to let me know. I would be happy to speak with you about it. This is a very positive next step for the Church and the Preschool and it should be the last leg of construction for a very long time! I am very optimistic that the next phase should be much easier logistically, for all of us, than the first one.

Sincerely Yours,

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