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Mr. Evan Harrison, Pastor  
Pittsboro Presbyterian Church  
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Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Dear Pastor Harrison:

We hear that you have recently started your new assignment as pastor of Pittsboro Presbyterian Church. We extend a warm welcome to Chatham County and hope that you enjoy being part of our very special community.

I am writing on behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to express our heartfelt congratulations to Pittsboro Presbyterian for earning its certification as an Earth Care Congregation through the Hunger Program of the Presbyterian Church USA. We know that this designation required years of diligent hard work by the church's Eco-Justice team to earn the points required.

The Earth Care Congregation designation means that your church is committed to integrating environmental practices and thinking in all facets of church life and has completed projects and activities in fields of worship, education, outreach and facilities. We know that solar panels recently were installed on the church, which we believe makes Pittsboro Presbyterian the first church in the county to do so.

The Earth Care Congregation designation has only been given to 233 Presbyterian churches out of approximately 9,000 around the nation, which indicates just how coveted the designation is.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has made clean, smart energy part of our 25-Year Comprehensive Plan. We have already earned the SolSmart designation and are working toward a goal of 100% clean energy by 2050. Pittsboro Presbyterian will serve as an excellent "can do" model for other institutions to help us make steady progress toward this goal.

Please share our congratulations and appreciation with church members when you announce the Earth Care Congregation certification on April 28, 2019. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

Mike Dasher, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners