



*Where Faith and Friendship
Get Together*

November 4, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to introduce and advocate for Ms. Barbara Lee of Extended Grace.

Barbara shared with me her vision over coffee and a scone some time ago and I was blessed to attend with an elder of our church the inaugural event this past Sunday at the Barber School House in Spring Lake.

Her organizational gifts and enthusiasm were evident as she surrounded herself with representatives from religious and social agencies as well as interested persons from the general public. The program was inclusive and exciting as she led the room in envisioning a model for advocacy for the larger community.

I believe that monies invested in Extended Grace will make a significant impact on a variety of social needs in Western Michigan.

In His Service,

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From: Dan Qualls MA, LPC
Date: 11/4/15

Re: Barbra Lee – Extended Grace

Extended Grace is a ministry I believe in today and have for the past 15 plus years. When the ELCA leadership approached me as Executive Director of Tri-Cities Ministries all those years ago, they asked if this community, with so many churches needed another. Being familiar with the denominational focus of the ELCA I stated with the right person in leadership, a critical gap in the faith community could be addressed. The leader they chose was Barbra Lee. Over the years her vision, passion, and determination to impact this community and this world has never faltered. I have the utmost faith in her leadership and vision.

The current manifestation of Extended Grace has built upon lessons learned and the current realities we all face. Genuine dialogue about important social issues and a way to channel the passion and/or calling each of us has within need places to happen. This is no easy task and needs to be developed with a steady, wise, and spirit-led hand. I believe that Extended Grace is the right vehicle with the right leader to provide a place for people to come together and bring positive change into this community.



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Nancy Maleitzke, Convener
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Dear Nancy Maleitzke

It is my pleasure to recommend Barbara Lee and Extended Grace. I know Barbara to be a credible person with a passion for creating healthy, inclusive communities that address social issues.

Extended Grace is a nonprofit organization that is working to address those social issues while creating a healthier community for everyone. Extended Grace has brought together a diverse group of people interested in addressing social causes, while creating collaborative relationships with a wide variety of churches and social agencies.

There is a genuine need for the work of this organization in our community. Their mental illness initiative is especially well-timed. The lack of funding for resources in this area has become increasingly apparent over the last few months, e.g. the closing of Kandu Industries here in Ottawa County.

I am happy to support the work of Extended Grace.

Warm regards

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