



## **Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern**

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I offer a testimonial letter regarding the design and construction of our church and the working relationship between the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Rock Tavern and Alfandre Architecture.

On September 10, 2006 the entire structure of our spiritual home was destroyed by fire. As would be imagined, we were devastated by the physical loss which resulted and the emotional loss of not having a religious home to worship in. As the congregation began to focus on its desire to rebuild on the same location, our thoughts turned to creating a structure of lasting beauty that reflected our spiritual and religious beliefs.

We wanted an architectural firm who shared and supported our religious principles of the interdependent web of life with the environment, and who was also well versed in LEED requirements. We wanted a building that would be energy efficient, durable, sustainable and be spiritually inspiring to all who entered it. A tall order!

Rick Alfandre and David Ekroth of Alfandre Architecture met our requirements beyond imagination and all hope. During the design phase, they worked with us in helping to formulate our 'wish list' and vision. As our design team, throughout the project, along with Joe Buglino during construction, they were supportive, educative, and creative offering personalized service, quality design and staying within a mutually agreed budget. They worked side by side with us in weaving our vision into the beautiful reality it has become.

It seems hard to believe that we are soon coming up to our one year anniversary of being in our new spiritual home! We have received many compliments from congregants and visitors alike to our building on its spiritual tone, the beautiful integration of wood, natural light, and practicality and environmental sensitivity.

We could not be more pleased with the design and finished product that Alfandre Architecture created with us. It has resulted in a worship space of lasting beauty and that is environmentally enduring reflective of our spiritual values and principles. I highly recommend Alfandre Architecture for whatever construction needs you may have.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish any further information.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Athena A. Drewes". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Athena A. Drewes  
Building and Capital Campaign Chairperson  
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