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"We respond to God's abundant grace by being hearers, proclaimers and doers of the Word."

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John Lawver, Manager
Gettysburg Borough
59 East Middle St.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Dear Mr. Lawver:

I am writing as Senior pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, York St., Gettysburg. As pastor to one of the most active and community-involved congregations in the Gettysburg area, I wish to voice my strong support for the Gettysburg Inner Loop Trail.

I am aware of the long and intense hours that have gone into this study over the past several years. I am also aware of the dedicated and informed work that has brought this project to where it is today. I am writing to give my voice of encouragement that this project must continue to move to completion.

This project, including the additional network of trails, speaks to the commitment by our community to provide environmentally friendly and healthy, alternative forms of transportation. Although countless benefits of the Gettysburg Inner Loop Trail have been listed by numerous persons throughout the community, I believe its completion would become an asset in ways we do not yet understand and anticipate.

As a community we can be proud of such a bold stance to create this practical and, at the same time, invaluable addition to the ongoing work by so many groups, both within the Borough of Gettysburg and surrounding communities, to become more welcoming to the thousands of visitors we embrace each year. Please let's not let this venture falter at this exciting stage of development!

I join with many members of St. James congregation to make clear the strong support and encouragement to all those who have the responsibility to keep this project moving towards its completion. May you be blessed in this good work!

Sincerely,

The Rev. Michael E. Allwein, Senior pastor
St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg