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RE: Request for Advisory Opinion - Gyung Hyang Garden Presbyterian Church

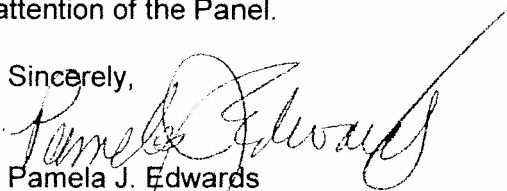
Dear Messrs. Frances and Mock:

As provided by the Licensed Design Professionals' Overlapping Practice Guide for Local Government Officials issued by the Maryland Design Boards on October 1, 2004, as amended in September, 2006 (the "Guide"), this is the opinion of the Overlapping Practices Panel (the "Panel") in response to your inquiry regarding the above project.

The Panel, which included the representatives of the State Board for Professional Engineers, the State Board of Architects, and the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors, met on September 23, 2009, to review this matter. The Panel also reviewed certain architectural drawings, as well as electrical, mechanical and plumbing drawings related to the same project.

After the review of the plans and discussions with the parties involved in this inquiry, the Panel would like to recommend that Howard County continue to promote its practice of requiring signatures and seals of appropriate licensed design professionals responsible for specific engineering elements of a building, particularly in buildings of public assembly. The Panel recognizes that the discussions in this particular situation may be moot since the design professional in question complied with the County conditions and the County issued appropriate permits. Nevertheless, the Panel would like again to express its appreciation for the County's vigilance and for bringing this matter to the attention of the Panel.

Sincerely,

  
Pamela J. Edwards  
Acting Executive Director

Cc: Joint Chairs  
Stanely Botts, Commissioner  
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