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November 20, 2014

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and congratulate you on your re- election. I personally pray for you, and your chief of staff James Burns every day.

I know this is probably late notice for you and your busy schedule, but we have a very important and exciting event for our community and our church happening Sunday, December 21, 2014 after our 10:30 AM worship service (so about 11:30 AM).

We will be dedicating our brand new 14,500 square foot \$4.6 million Dayschool. This is a private church venture done without any government funds. We built the building to provide a full time Dayschool to supplement our current four- hour- a- day (5 days a week) Preschool. We hope to also provide Afterschool Care starting in the fall of 2015 and Respite Care for Disabled and Special Needs children. We are officially calling the building our "Children's Ministry Building."

I have been in a few informal conversations with Mick Zais about this venture, and the huge need for care for our young children five years old and under. We know that the state has limited funds to provide public education for younger children, and yet we wanted to provide a safe atmosphere for our children. We also are aware that you have been an advocate for churches to step up to care for younger children. Of course, we agree with that and have invested in this idea. This will be the largest, newest and state of the art Dayschool, all built with local South Carolina contractors. Quackenbush Architects did the design, and Martin Engineering and Burriss Corporation are our contractors.

If you could come we would be glad for you to say a few words. May God bless you in your office and may God bless our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ben Sloan".

Dr. J. Ben Sloan,  
Senior Minister, Lake Murray Presbyterian Church