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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

We are pleased to verify the information submitted on behalf of Goshen College to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

Gathering and submitting benchmark data for this first STARS assessment was a group effort of our Ecological Stewardship Committee. The Ecological Stewardship Committee of students, faculty and administrators is leading our campus in collaborative efforts to encourage sustainable practices and reduce use of fossil fuels. The root of this ecological stewardship journey at Goshen College is Christian faith and the belief that God calls us to care for all of creation. The mandate of the Ecological Stewardship Committee is to

- *Raise campus awareness and coordinate efforts to enhance ecological sustainability.*
- *Develop measures of ecological impact of college operations and evaluate the impact of college programs and services.*
- *Recommend financially feasible improvements to enhance the college's ecological sustainability efforts.*
- *Promote stewardship of resources within operations and programs and communicate progress towards goals in this area.*
- *Identify and recommend institutional goals in ecological stewardship within the context of the college's strategic plan.*

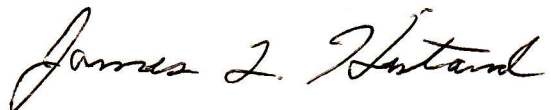
In addition to Vice President for Finance Jim Hstand, other members of the Ecological Stewardship Committee who contributed and submitted information to STARS were Glenn Gilbert, sustainability coordinator, who led this effort; Ryan Sensenig, assistant professor of environmental science; Luke Gascho, director of the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center; and Rebecca Horst, associate registrar.

We are grateful to AASHE for developing STARS as a useful tool to assess our current status in regards to sustainability and to assist us in setting goals for the future. We are fully committed to becoming a climate-neutral campus as part of our larger mission of "healing the world peace by peace."

Sincerely,



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