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"I am extremely proud of Everence's building and thankful for the confidence they showed by first hiring us to lead this major project, and secondly by moving forward with construction when they did. The timing of this project kept us going through the recession and kept many construction workers employed. Great relationships came from our organizations working together and they remain strong today. Our team enjoyed working with Jane Bowers (a GHS classmate of mine), who did a great job as the owner's representative throughout all three phases of the project."

Bob Schrock, CEO
DJ Construction

History:

- DJ's first contract with Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) was as general contractor for the 1978 office expansion at the current (now Everence) location on North Main Street in Goshen. The project added offices on two floors, totaling 10,600 sq. ft.
- In 1992, DJ was selected as the DesignBuilder for a new 4,800 sq. ft. addition facing Main Street, called the Service Center, and we were invited back for adjacent office additions of 1,300 sq. ft. in 1996 and 2,700 sq. ft. in 1998.
- In 2008, again as the DesignBuilder, DJ began a four year, three phase project for MMA. (Midway through the project, MMA changed its name to Everence.) The phased construction allowed work to go on with minimal disruptions to Everence's operations. This major project added 43,300 sq. ft. of new space and renovated over 40,000 sq. ft. of existing space including the earlier projects DJ had built.
- The beautiful updated building, completed in 2012, is now a state-of-the-art office environment. Clerestory windows, light shelves, rain gardens, products with low VOC emissions, and recycled materials all contributed to the sustainable design which earned Everence the distinction of being Goshen's first LEED certified facility.
- Our relationship with Everence continues, and to date we have partnered on more than 50 projects of varying scope and size, including the adjacent Disaster Recovery Building in 2001.

