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Dear Clergy Colleagues of the Dioceses of Quincy and Springfield:

The two of us were very pleased with the positive beginning we made at the October 4, 2007, joint meeting of the diocesan clergy from Quincy and Springfield in Normal, Illinois. We believe it is appropriate to gather again in order to continue our exploration as to how we might better support each other in our ministries and common witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we have scheduled a second gathering at Christ the King Church, 1210 South Fell Avenue, Normal, Illinois, on Thursday, February 21, 2008. As at the previous meeting, we plan to gather at noon for lunch followed by a time of fellowship and sharing. We will conclude by 2 p.m.

We believe our agenda will be best served by exploring together what is occurring in our Dioceses, The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion with a focus on "Where are 'we' going?" It will be important to see if some kind of a consensus emerges. Additionally, we have at least an idea or two of how we might move forward together.

Please make the commitment to join us for this gathering. In order that appropriate lunch arrangements can be made, please notify Archdeacon Shawn Denney at: archdeacon@episcopalspringfield.org of your ability to attend by the close of business on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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