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Cc: 'Mac Wheatley'
Subject: RE: Strategy Group Meeting, March 2-4, 2004

This memo probably more appropriately goes to the Network Steering Committee, but I could get to your addresses more easily! Can you see that the right people get it?

TO: Network Steering Committee
FROM: Diane Knippers
DATE: March 2, 2004
RE: Ecumenical Relations

As my earlier memo suggested, I believe it will be increasingly important for the Network to take on the various functions of a Church. In addition to the social and political witness I addressed in the earlier memo, another area of concern is ecumenical relations. So, this is just a request that you begin to make some provision for ecumenical relations. Obviously, this is not the most urgent priority – you've got a lot on your plate this week – but I think we ought to be giving this serious consideration this year. Naturally, we need to work most urgently with the continuing church, REC, etc.

We've already got a great start with the message from Cardinal Ratsinger to Plano.

Ephraim Radner and Steve Jecko have served with me on the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations – they would be great resources to the Network. I'm still on the SCER – but not because I could honestly represent the Episcopal Church in ecumenical dialogue. I argued in the last quadrennium that SCER should be concerned not just with healing old rifts, but preventing new ones. Of course, the rift has happened, but I want to try to make the argument for amicable settlement. We'll see. I'll resign when I need to, but I would like to hang in there as a obstinate and contrary voice a bit longer.

Bless you for your work. You are in my prayers this week.

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