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II Bishop Ordinary, Anglican Diocese of Texas

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Dear Brethren in Christ,

On behalf of our Diocese, which has been in existence since 1992, I should like to explore the possibility of our becoming part of the ACI and adopting the Anglican Covenant. As you can see from our website [www.anglicandioceseoftexas.org], we are a 1928 BCP, 39 Articles jurisdiction. Please review our Constitution and Canons and advise me if you feel that the ACI would feel comfortable with our affiliation.

At the moment, we are relatively small, but we are growing. We are preparing to add two more parishes, possibly a third, during the summer of this year, and it is one of my goals for our members to be free to attend services at other Anglican/Episcopal churches comfortably. At the present time, we have an intercommunion agreement with the North American Anglican Conference, another 1928 BCP grouping, and I don't think that there would be any conflict should we become members of ACI.

I have reviewed the Covenant and Dr. Turner's commentary on it, and I believe that our members, both lay and clergy, would feel at home with the principles that it espouses. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours in the Faith,

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