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Dear Merrill,

I am on my way back to Nashotah House for General Ordination Exams, but wanted to run a couple of ideas past you for your consideration.

I talked with the Bishop after receiving a copy of your letter to him concerning my return to Madison. Both of us agreed that the congregation at Grace Church, the Bishop and I needed to continue the dialogue about my future ministry at Grace.

First, the offer of \$200 per month from the Bishop's Committee, though generous, will not be an adequate salary for a full-time clergy person. Whether the Diocese can help in any way is in question at this time. To that end, let me make offer some suggestions. Would it be possible for you and the Bishop's Committee to bring before the congregation, perhaps in a special congregational meeting, the concerns of funding a full-time clergy person? At that time, you might want to conduct an informal stewardship campaign whereby you could plan for your 1986 budget, but also could assess the available resources to fund a clergy salary. You will be meeting with the Bishop on February 2 at the Annual Meeting, but some preliminary work could be accomplished through a congregational meeting beforehand. I would be happy to meet with you at that time, if you thought that was feasible. I will be returning from Nashotah House on January 10, but will be going back January 27-31 for an Alcoholism Workshop.

Secondly, I would suggest that you meet again with the Bishop before such a congregational meeting, or certainly before the Annual Meeting to discuss further with him any diocesan support that might be available. It would be important to have that kind of information.

Let me know what you think of all this. Hope you had a blessed Christmas in foggy California. Thought about you and Beverly as I watched the weather reports. At least it was warm. Give my best to everyone.

Yours in Christ,



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