



The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

The Right Reverend Paul V. Marshall, Th.D., D.D., D.C.L., *Bishop*

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October 8, 2008

The Rev. Glenn M. Matis, President
Standing Committee
The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
240 S. 4th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Father Matis and Members of the Standing Committee:

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Bethlehem, I am writing to convey our unwavering support, which we extend to you during these most difficult days. As you approach the dates for gathering together and planning the ongoing life and work of your diocese, during your annual convention next month, we want you to know that we are thinking of you and keeping all of you in our prayers.

We are very conscious of the great burden of responsibility you bear as the Ecclesiastical Authority of your diocese during these highly complex, trying, and sad times, and we are united in our aspirations to hold out to you, not only our good wishes, but also our earnest offer of assistance. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of help in any way.

May you be ever mindful of the healing power of God's love as you go forward in renewing your dedication to provide hope and leadership for the important and necessary work of mission and ministry to the people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Wilkens".

Canon Robert C. Wilkens, President
Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

cc: The Rt. Rev. Paul V. Marshall, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem