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The Rev. Steve Quill
2707 E. Pebble Beach Drive
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The Rev. Elizabeth Stein
1902 Edenfield Lane
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Dear Pastors Quill and Stein,

Thank you for the opportunity to have lunch with you and your distinguished group at River Oaks. It was wonderful to hear of your vision for TRUTH: Travels Revealing Understanding – Trust – Hope. The conversation was engaging and the ideals are so necessary for Houston to grow healthier and more prosperous. As Dr. Klineberg has so insightfully told us, the racial and ethnic composition of our city is a snapshot of what our nation will look like in the future. We ARE the demographic future.

I heartily support your work and will assist in any way that I can to further your work. What you are proposing will also strengthen our ELCA clergy and congregations to look outward in their ministries. I am happy to endorse your efforts to our pastors and congregations and encourage their participation. Interfaith work in Houston is of vital importance for the future of our great metropolitan area.

God's blessings in all you do to promote TRUTH.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Rinehart, bishop