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The Companions of St. Luke~Benedictine  
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Dear Brothers in Christ:

It gives me great joy to advise you that The Standing Commission on Religious Communities of the House of Bishops has accorded recognition to The Companions of St. Luke~Benedictine under the provisions of Title III, Canon 30, Section 2. Your community will be registered in our records.

A copy of this letter will go to the editor of *The Episcopal Church Annual* with a reminder that the name of your Community now be numbered among the Recognized religious communities of the Episcopal Church.

This comes to the members of The Companions of St. Luke~Benedictine with the very best wishes of the bishops comprising the Standing Committee on Religious Communities and with the assurance of our prayers and very best wishes to you all in your lives and ministry.

Faithfully in our Lord,

The Rt. Rev. Rodney Michel

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