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Bishop Gregory H. Rickel Issues Statement on Hotel Workers' Concerns

"The Episcopal Church in Western Washington stands with the workers from the Hilton Seattle Airport and Conference Center who are seeking contract language for job security, healthcare and livable wages. During this time of Lent, we pray for both sides to seek and find reconciliation with each other in the resolution of the workers' concerns. We as a Church believe it is important to support workers' rights, so therefore we will be moving the national conference "Healing Our Planet Earth: Singing a New Song of Hope" from the Hilton Seattle Airport to St. Margaret's Church in Bellevue.

We appreciate the willingness of the Hilton Seattle Airport, with which we have had a long and successful relationship, to work with us in this challenging situation. We look forward to an ongoing relationship and opportunities to provide business to the hotel and work for their employees. We further look forward to a speedy resolution for all those involved."

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