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Dear Brothers,

Mindful of our responsibility to be stewards of God's creation and of Pope Francis' call to safeguard our common home, the North American Councils propose that a joint conference of the US and Canada be held on the threats of climate change and nuclear weapons. The aim of the conference is to deepen our understanding of these existential threats and promote a transformation of heart and mind on these issues.

We are writing to inform you that the members of the joint conference preparatory committee are as follows:

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We are grateful to them for their availability in agreeing to serve on the committee. The committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting at the end of January. You will be provided with updates from the committee, including proposed dates for the conference, as its work progresses.

We are convinced that this conference will offer a valuable opportunity for us to come together, share our knowledge and experiences, and work towards finding ways that we, as Dehonians, can have impact on these pressing issues.

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