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Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine sitting down to dinner with Christians on your block, celebrating how God is at work in our lives, congregations, and city. Since UniteBoston's ministry began seven years ago, we have learned that relationships are the leverage point to cultivating Christian unity. Our relationships inform how we pray for one another, how we serve the city, and how we understand our unique role within the larger body of Christ. We've also been convinced that Christian unity is less about a program, and more about a lifestyle.

This fall, we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This is a timely opportunity for all Christians to turn towards one another in efforts to help answer Jesus' prayer in John 17 "that we would be one." In a world that is divided on many lines, especially politically and racially, it is imperative that Christians come together to demonstrate the fullness of our communion in Christ because our reconciling unity is a witness to the world (2 Cor 5:18, John 17:23).

You are invited to join into a neighborhood dinner party! The goal for the dinners is to build relationships and to let our relationships inform our shared mission of revealing Jesus' love within our communities. We will be gathering to hear our personal stories of faith in Christ and to answer two questions: "What is God already doing in our community?" and "What can we together to better demonstrate the love of Christ?"

To promote the sense of hospitality, we encourage the dinners to take place in homes. If the cost of providing a dinner is prohibitive, UniteBoston can provide the funds for you to host. Both clergy and laity are invited to attend; the more, the merrier!

Thank you for considering this opportunity. If you are interested in being involved, please email me and sign up on our website www.uniteboston.com/dinner

As we come together, we can display our united witness for Christ and our love for the city in a way that one church cannot accomplish alone. Thanks for joining in!

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