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The Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring  
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Dear Father Mainwaring,

Although we may not have met before, you may have heard something about Partners for Sacred Places at the annual meetings of the Episcopal Parish Network, where we've been asked to speak on the stewardship and care of America's sacred places. As the only national nonprofit focused on the community value of older religious buildings, we've been honored to work with a wide array of congregations across the Episcopal Church and the state of Georgia, including providing capital grants to churches such as Ebenezer Baptist in Atlanta.

I'm writing now to express my support for the preservation of Egleston Hall at All Saints. I've been introduced to the architecture and history of Egleston, and was especially struck by its important and unusual interior spaces. I wrote my thesis on the Akron Plan, an American innovation that permitted Sunday School classes to meet separately, and together, normally found in "low" Protestant traditions such as Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian. Egleston had, in its early years, a radiating arc of classrooms which was a signature feature of the Akron Plan, signaling that All Saints was highly pioneering in its approach to Christian education in the early 20th century. In fact, you could probably count the number of Episcopal churches with this classroom configuration on two hands!

I also understand that the parish is facing repair costs for Egleston and considering replacement of the building. Given our experience working with churches to reimagine and reinvent their historic buildings, we believe very strongly that every effort should be made to preserve rather than replace a building as significant as Egleston.

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It's also worth noting that national funding sources have arisen in recent years -- such as our National Fund for Sacred Places -- that can underwrite the cost of preserving a historic building like Egleston.

All in all, I hope the parish will preserve this building, maximizing its value to both the parish and the larger community, and we hope you will call on us if we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Robert Jaeger".

A. Robert Jaeger  
President