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Thanks. I'll ask him to send it out.

From: Tori Beth Black
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I think this is great. First and foremost it honors the anniversary of the tragedy. But it also makes them aware in case something were to happen or they were asked about it following the conference.

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From: Danny Varat
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How about this to the RLGA chairman? Your thoughts?

Dear Lieutenant Governor Hutchison, we look forward to our upcoming meeting of the RLGA, and we are eager to show everyone the beautiful city of Charleston. I know that our event will be a great success. Please allow me to offer one note of context for our visitors.

You recall the horrible tragedy that occurred in Charleston when nine innocent lives were taken from us by a despicable madman. The tragedy affected me personally as Senator Clementa Pinckney was a colleague and close friend, and the scars of that day remain fresh.

Mother Emanuel AME Church itself sits only about one-half mile from our conference site, and the second anniversary of the murders falls on June 17th. Remembrance ceremonies will begin on June 15th, just two days following our conclusion.

I offer this to you as information that you may deem worthy of sharing with our colleagues, and I am happy to speak with anyone individually. I also will be happy to try and arrange a visit to the church for anyone interested, although I would prefer that be done in very small groups for the sake of decorum.

I look forward to seeing you in just over a week, and please let me know what we can do to help between now and then