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Dear County Ecumenical Officer,

I am grateful to Jenny and Lorraine for agreeing to send this on to you.

I am currently on sabbatical and am looking at 'effective ecumenism'. I have been committed to working ecumenically throughout my ministry. My perception (which is, of course, open to being changed!) is that many traditional Churches Together groups are struggling and that setting up LEPs is out of fashion.

I am keen to discover what is working well ecumenically, especially in local situations. I'm imagining that there are new models which I haven't come across yet. Please would you let me know of any examples of effective, new ways of working together ecumenically in your area. I would also be interested in traditional models which are working well.

Many thanks and blessings,

Martin