

## COMMENTS FROM FORUM PARTICIPANTS

### Comments relating to “Episcopal Forum of South Carolina (EFSC)”

Diversity of opinion is welcome in ECUSA
I am a knee jerk moderate-this issue is not basic to my faith
Unity worth striving for/ have respect for others' viewpoints
Change does happen through openness and discussion
Distraught at divisiveness...a house divided cannot stand
Need to stand together so we don't lose our Church
The Via Media is the still point in our lives. Balance is what my life is about. We need to be open to one another
It's exciting to be among lay people who are excited about what the clergy have been paid to be excited about
In discussing this issue you are speaking about a persons very identity, this is heavy stuff
I think what we are looking for is good old fashioned civility in dialogue
Dialogue needed to hold on to diversity with respect
Lay involvement in the Via Media is important...Clergy cannot take the lead
Let's be careful that we don't Dictate the via media as Queen Eliz.1 did
Thank you to the organizers of the Forum
Even with diversity of belief we can stay within the structure of ECUSA
We are attracted to EFSC by the example of its members
Leadership of EFSC is crucial. Give all that you can to this mission. particularly openness to all points of view
The only way we can move forward is to listen to people's stories...like this morning
The strength of the church is the via media
I want unity in diversity. Lay people are theologians, each in our own heart.
We must not enter the fray. (Keep the high road)
Full page Newspaper ad...\$2500
We should publish essays
Notify every rector about the Forum
Ask to leave information available in each church
Place a full page ad in newspaper
Have a letter writing campaign
Sponsor a conference
Henry Parsley, Peter Lee, Duncan Gray
Contact Walter Edgar...Jonathan Poston

Contact Dave Munday...get an article
Request donations to carry out ideas
Encourage individuals to speak out
Ads in Florence, The State,?? Other papers
Article in the Jubilate Deo
Keep web site new and interesting...where to send donations?
Need a resource for people who want to opt out of the network and remain in full communion with ECUSA , PB and AC
I support the ECUSA General Convention
Keep the Anglican Tradition
It is worth another effort to try to hold our family together
We are one in the BCP and worship
For truth seekers the Episcopal Church can hold extremes together
Want to remain an Episcopalian
Encourage people to use their minds
Want to see the middle ground speak out
Seek the truth, come whence it may, come where it will Episcopal Church is a place were that could happen.
I think WE are the majority. WE have to find one another
Extremists are driving away the middle ground. We must reclaim it to save the church.
How can we, as South Carolinians, distance ourselves from the AAC?
We are orthodox anglicans..they have hijacked the term
Who we are; a safe place to speak, to express concerns
We need to provide a place for everybody
We need honest real discussion...some good from our adversity
We need prayerful study and discussion together
Want to hear of the "good" in the National Church
I want to stand and be counted
We need good speakers. Recommend Henry Parsley, Duncan Gray
We can clarify our individual positions in our own chuches..don't be silent anymore
Great to come together with like minds...I miss my church in Virginia
Communication is the only way to stick together
There is good theology and bad theology...the clergy have no corner on good theology.
Let's focus on love and forgiveness...hope that this group will be a place of healing.
Jesus said a lot that we ignore and gets blamed for saying things he never said...study his word. The news of the via media will spread at my church.

We need to be a resource for those who want to remain in ECUSA under the authority of the General Convention and the leadership of the Presiding Bishop.

Clergy don't have a corner on theology. We all can articulate our own experience of God

Want Comfort, Support, Prayer, Discussion, Fellowship

The church is my family. It's being hijacked. Want to do what I can to save my family.

Be Inclusive but take a stand. We need to do something to support unity, oppose schism

Connect with other via media groups

Have more mini meetings to introduce people to the Forum

Have a presence at Diocesan Convention

Request to use meeting space for the Forum activities from every parish

No sense in worrying about the leadership...Let Episcopal clergy and members who want to remain Episcopalians concentrate on our people. We are legion.

Please continue these Forums

EFSC can energize Episcopalians to dialogue

I am pleased there is room for dialogue here

EFSC presents both sides of the issue. There is room for growth for all of us where there is diversity and the primary focus is the Holy Spirit.

It's important to listen to all sides

I hope there will be a way to avoid schism

It took 500 years to work out doctrine on the trinity...Can't we spend a little longer on this ?

Came to learn. I have an open mind

I'm quite conservative. My mind is not closed

I came to hear two sides

Thinking and Talking...too much has been closed

Hang on to the great virtue of tolerance, diversity, the middle way

Love my Lord, love my church, hate schism....want to hear both views

NO SPLIT! It's great to be together like this and disagree but love and respect one another. It's the Episcopal way

I affirm call for unity. There is more than one view of scripture

This is a fabulous time in the church. It has caused more discussion of our faith than in the previous 35 years of our marriage

EFSC is doing what is the best thing about our denomination...dialogue

What does it mean to use "Reason"?

It's good to talk in a place where you are comfortable...respected

I feel alone in my parish; need EFSC

All dioceses need a Forum...not just South Carolina...we all need to talk

Here to learn

Here to share

Hope the Forum continues...Human sexuality triggered this situation...maybe because we had no Forum

I see a marvelously diverse group here...it's so good to share

All things in moderation. This group is acting it out.

EFSC goals are laudable. You maintain dignity for everyone

Please come back after Diocesan Convention

How can we help the Forum?