

COMMENTS FROM FORUM PARTICIPANTS

Comments relating to "I Feel . . ."

I appreciate inclusively in my Church. am threatened by personal agendas of some clergy and laity
Black/white mentality is not healthy, via media is a strength
The devastation of accusation is so contrary to Christ's love
I am here for those who are left out due to shame induced by this issue. God loves us all
Sanctity of all life is precious to me...humans are drawn to conflict...I like to dialogue... Agape love means everybody
I am here to learn
Inclusion/exclusion is a part of me (African American person) It is wrong to separate anybody.
Understanding Christianity is much easier than living it
I want to see my church healed
Excluding homosexual orientation from full participation in the church is not love
It is all about POWER. Those who have it resist change. People resisting oppression keep "popping up"
It's a theological challenge to our traditionally held belief
In 92 years my core faith and belief is constant. It has never changed. But my understanding of God, and what God asks of me has changed a lot. I have grown and I will continue to accept change and grow.
IFeel isolated in my via media way...am so glad to feel this support
All Saints Waccamaw...I want to see my church healed
I want to die and Episcopalian...as I know my church
We are a family that needs to stay together...this is like a divorce.
They are conservative extremists
I do not like the anger and hateful talk
Scared of their corner on the "truth"
Concerned about hatred they teach our children
In my church we cannot talk about our true beliefs anymore
There are many silent ones..afraid to speak
Should we be combative?
Episcopal Church has long been a safe place (for Gays)
It's been a safe place for all
Scary imposition of conservative views. I love the Anglican way where I can use my mind
Afraid there will be no place left for me to worship
Not a safe place

My family church has turned fundamentalist. I lay low and hidden
Can't talk about my beliefs
Church should be safe for everyone
I have stopped attending regularly..it's a downer..afraid there will be no place for me to worship
Great tragedy. I would like to still be an Episcopalian when I die This church is headed for Fort Worth
Feel very alone...need a life preserver...Found the bishop's letter devastating
Just alone
I respond to the Gospel of Jesus
I am upset and angry
I'm here responding to the Gospel of Jesus
I love God, I love the Episcopal Church. I am deeply concerned
My interest is Christian Unity. How can they pray for Christian Unity when they do not pray with their own brothers and sisters in the Episcopal church?
Companions of the Holy Cross..Prayer for Christian Unity
SCHC emphasis on Christian Unity
Focus must be on the love of Christ.
Church should be a positive, joyful experience
Jesus promoted loving community. We have to follow our own conscience.
Breaks my heart for my parish to say that I am not welcome. How can we resuscitate, revive that Episcopal Church that nurtures us on our spiritual journey to God?
I am angry and hurt. They stole our church from us...
We need to stand side by side in our hurt...support one another
Distressed at so many disenfranchised members
Three things: Our God reigns, Jesus is head of his church, If this is of God it will stand
The older I get the easier to accept and embrace ambiguity...maturation
Confused by all their initials...don't want to be trapped in this mess in my church
Rector says these things are doctrinal, not subject to opinion, I don't know where I stand
I love St. Helena's Church. I am 80 years old, I presented the first woman to be deacon...so distressed about this tearing apart of our community
There is a dividing fault line..passion on both sides...hard to focus on unity
I do not like exclusion and statements that there can be no dialogue
Hope for common ground
Let judgment fall where it will...If it is of God it will stand
I don't know who is right...se pain on both sides
Time heals...God is still here; even if we fail to genuflect
Work in a parish here...overwhelmed with sadness in my aloneness

I came because I am curious...this is all so disappointing to me as an Episcopalian

Hope for the availability of a reasoning, inclusive church going forward

Don't like judgment

The Science of God..a good book

This catastrophic event is bringing about good things. God works in mysterious ways

I am a reporter from the Island Packet....this is so very interesting