

COMMENTS FROM FORUM PARTICIPANTS

Comments relating to "Network"

How can you be in communion with God if you are not in communion with your fellow man?

The human sexuality issue is the flash point for a group who want to disengage from ECUSA

People who believe they have a corner on truth scare me. My parents were conservative missionaries

My church has turned fundamentalist...no talk about variety of beliefs

I celebrate the fact the God is always full of surprises. Don't put God in a box

Atmosphere of homophobia and hatred.

Concerned about the message we give to diocesan youth

Episcopalian by choice. I thought I was liberated from fundamentalist legalism

God is the judge ...and he doesn't need a jury

Love people, hate their beliefs..very narrow

Rector told me my soul would be in peril

Concerned that my children are being taught....Judgment is ok

How do we say we don't like what you are doing

They have put God in a box

They do sloppy theology

I don't agree with the conservative rhetoric I hear

Studied theology at Duke...their thinking is inconsistent and sloppy

Church is becoming narrow, love my parish family, may have to separate

No room for me in my church now. I have been shunned by my rector and the vestry for taking a stand

Once we could agree to disagree...They will not accept that

My church hung AAC Logo under our sign and Forward Day by Day has been removed

Secessionist talk; idolatry of the mind reference is harsh

My parish redirected funds from the National Church. I asked to review the decision process..the answer was "no"

Have been a student of church history...particularly schism...see great pain

Be careful when people say they speak for God

Concerned about engagement in this strife. Dialogue can be painful. Don't assume we can talk forever when we're on a freight train. There's no going back...we may be better off dialoguing after the split when everyone is in their comfortable place

Many do not hear what is being said from the pulpit

My spiritual journey began in Disciples of Christ. I found a church with respect for diversity of ideas over 20 years ago, The Episcopal Church. I grew up in a fundamentalist church and have spent a lifetime recovering ...this is very, very sad.

Had to leave my church before 2003 due to extreme conservatism expressed from the pulpit.

We are searching for a new church home...attending a Lutheran Church...no Episcopal church in Beaufort anymore

My ordination vows remind me to love Jesus and his word more than my church. John Allen, former PB, said he loved the church more than the Lord I cannot sacrifice TRUTH on the altar of unity. Once your house has been bulldozed, why talk? Because ECUSA went forth it cut off dialogue and the battle lines were drawn. Loving someone does not mean condoning their sin.

Episcopal Church here is like Southern Baptist...not Anglican at all. Uses the same book...has a different ethos

I support my clergy. Some things can be talked to death. Traditional values in the USA are falling apart. ECUSA trying to embrace wrong practices.

The intolerance is intolerable. Clergy should never sound so condemning. It's discouraging .

Drastic conservatism is damaging

Historically religion has been used for evil...People who profess absolute truth scare me

The Via Media ended for South Carolina Episcopalians when a Resolution was signed by an "inside group" of clergy. All clergy were not invited, only those who support the Network.

The Network Confession is sinister in its claim to only one correct interpretation of Scripture

I can thank the Network for reminding me that I have no corner on truth

The root of the word Heresy means to choose with an attitude...The attitude here is I cannot and will not accept your understanding. That is why there can be no discussion.

ECUSA is crying for Unity. ECUSA is only 4% of the Anglican Communion. What about Anglican Unity?

Ridged interpretation of scripture is not healthy

My parish on Hilton Head has the same liturgy ; it's not the same church though...doesn't seem Episcopalian

You are in big trouble when God hates all the people you hate

Love one another...doesn't mean only people who agree on the way I interpret Scripture

My rector used to treat us like intelligent people...as if we knew how to think

This seems to me a power play coming out of Pittsburgh...clergy believe that we will follow. We won't

It is hard to accept consecration of Bishop Robinson...difficult to accept what they have done

This is not a single issue problem

We didn't always welcome all baptized Christians...are we going backwards in this diocese