



The South Carolina Anglican Communion Network

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SC-ACN's Response to the Primates' Communiqué

Approximately one and a half years have passed (August 5, 2003) since the Episcopal Church USA's actions "tore the fabric" of the Anglican Communion. ECUSA's unilateral actions have energized lay members throughout the Anglican Communion.

In the Diocese of South Carolina a group of Biblically rooted laity approached Bishop Salmon expressing our concern that the laity needed to be educated about the current crisis in the Church. From this meeting the South Carolina Anglican Communion Network (SC-ACN) was formed. Our objective to date has been to educate the members of the Episcopal Church within the Diocese of South Carolina about the crisis facing our parishes, the Diocese, ECUSA and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion.

Now it is March 2005 and following the:

- Windsor Report
- The Primates Communiqué

. . . A process and reasonable timeline are in place to reconcile the greater Anglican Communion. The process established within the Windsor Report began with the Primates Communiqué and should come to a conclusion at ECUSA's next general convention in 2006. Will ECUSA and the Church of Canada choose to walk apart? No one knows, but starting with this weeks House of Bishops meeting in Texas and ECUSA's presentation to the ACC in June, the laity, regardless of its position on the Windsor Report, deserves an understanding of where our Church is heading in its relationship to the Anglican Communion. We the SC-ACN Steering Committee ask that all laity join together by calling and writing their rectors, Dean's and Bishop's, requesting that they not delay in acting now.

Also, for those of you we have heard from in states that are not members of the Network or are under attack by their Diocesan leadership, there is hope from the leadership of the Anglican Communion. The establishment of a Panel of Reference appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury is urgently being established. It will insure the adequacy of care that Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) failed to offer. We will have to see how this panel evolves as we all continue to rely on each other during these very difficult times in the Anglican Communion.