



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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For the Via Media gathering

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as you gather this week in Atlanta and you seek to make common cause in the service of God's mission, which is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

These are challenging days for our church, and yet they contain within themselves an invitation to be the many membered body of the risen Christ in a deeper and fuller way.

Rooted and grounded in common prayer, our divergent points of view find their place of meeting and reconciliation in word and sacrament and a life shared in the service of the Gospel. The diverse center is the overwhelming reality of our church and its voice is urgently needed, both within the church and in our fractured and polarized world.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

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