



Via Media: Evangelism for the Episcopal Church

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### What is via media?

- **via media** is a tool for evangelism designed to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and to present the Episcopal Church in a contemporary context.
- **via media** celebrates who we are as American Anglicans and invites others to "taste and see," offering seekers both the content and the context for conversations about Christian faith from an unabashedly Anglican perspective.
- **via media** is grounded in the traditional Anglican perspective balancing Scripture, Traditions and Reason. It is rooted in Trinitarian theology and offers a diverse, compelling witness to the unique way of being Christian that is our Anglican heritage.
- **via media** invites those seeking spiritual community to explore Anglican Christianity through a non-threatening eight-week course of study, prayer and conversation surrounded by radical hospitality.

### How does it work?

Over a period of eight weeks, a group gathers together to learn about Christianity within a community. Using a combination of learning styles, which include video, written materials, small group discussions, and large group forums, participants encounter the basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of Scripture, traditions, and reason. Participants are encouraged to ask questions, and to explore their own questions through conversation in community.

### What are the session topics?

The Via Media curriculum now has 3 programs:

Basic – 8 week outline covers the basics of Anglican tradition.

Values – a 6 week outline covers Anglican ethical teaching as based in the Baptismal Covenant.

Expanded – a 24 week outline offers opportunities to reflect on personal, congregational, and global implications of our faith journeys in the Anglican tradition. The new curriculum introduces participants to Anglican terms, individuals from history who were a part of the tradition, and deeper reflections on the basics of the Anglican heritage using excerpts from the New Church Teaching Series and personal witness statements.

### Who publishes this curriculum?

Via Media is published by Every Voice Network. EVN is a national ministry dedicated to growing the Episcopal Church by embracing the Anglican *via media*, which discerns God's will and work among us through the dynamic interaction of Scripture, tradition, and reflection upon our own communal experience of reality. Moving beyond a

preoccupation with internal church politics and institutional maintenance, EVN seeks to reinvigorate the Church's commitment to serve the world beyond its walls.

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