**The Anglican Way: Both/And**

***Group Discussion***

**1. Unity in diversity**

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| Recall (What did the teaching say?) | Respond (How do you feel about it?) |
| What are some examples of common stylistic differences you may find in different Anglican congregations? | Has this flexibility seemed disorienting or freeing for your relationship to the church? |
| Who is Anglicanism’s key founding theologian? |  |

**2. A different kind of Reformation**

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| Recall (What did the teaching say?) | Respond (How do you feel about it?) |
| What were some positive and negative features of the late medieval church? |  |
| What historical experience taught the English church that they could take a *via media* (“middle way”) out of the Catholic / Protestant debates of the 16th century? | Does Anglicanism’s attempt to reconcile the Catholic and Protestant positions feel satisfying to you? Why or why not? |
| How did the English church reform in both directions? |  |

**Reading –** Read and discuss the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral 1886, 1888 (found in the “Readings” doc).

**3. “Both/And”, 4. Application to current challenges, & 5. Three Currents**

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| Recall (What did the teaching say?) | Respond (How do you feel about it?) |
| How does Anglicanism have a special openness to other traditions today? | How can we practically avoid posturing ourselves as “the one true church”? |
| What are the “3 streams” in Anglican practice today? | How is each stream represented in your church’s life? Which one do you personally identify with most and least? Has God ever met you in a special way through a stream you’re less familiar with? |