The Diocese of South Carolina
Clergy Survey for Diocesan Profile, June 15, 2005

The purpose of this questionnaire is to produce data that will give bishop candidates in our search process an accurate picture of the clergy of this Diocese. Statistics on clergy responses to the questionnaire will be summarized in the Diocesan Profile (individual responses will not be disclosed). Please be totally frank in your answers; your answers will be kept in complete anonymity. The questionnaires are numbered only so that the Search Committee can follow up with those from whom we do not receive a response, and to maintain the integrity of the process. Only one person (a non-clerical staff person) will know which questionnaire goes with which clergy, and solely so we can contact those who do not respond. Your reply is required not later than June 30, 2005. Thank you for your prompt and thoughtful participation.

✓ Rector  ___ Assistant/Associate  ___ Deacon  ___ Other

Of the four major traditions of Anglicanism, check all that you believe describe yourself:
✓ Anglo-Catholic  ✓ Charismatic  ✓ Evangelical  ___ Liberal

On the scale below, please circle a number indicating your position with regard to Scripture:
Revisionist  Moderate  Traditional (Evangelical)
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

Please circle the number which best describes your response to the following statements.
1 = strongly agree; 2 = agree; 3 = unsure; 4 = disagree; 5 = strongly disagree

1. Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation (reconciliation with God).
   1  2  3  4  5

2. Jesus Christ was born of a virgin through the Holy Spirit.
   1  2  3  4  5

3. Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead in bodily form.
   1  2  3  4  5

4. The miracles attested to in Scripture actually took place as described.
   1  2  3  4  5

5. God created the universe, the earth, and all life, including human life.
   1  2  3  4  5

6. Mankind is unique in the created order, as we are made in God’s image.
   1  2  3  4  5

7. Scripture is God’s coherent revelation to us of Himself, of our nature, and of His plan and purpose for human life and for salvation.
   1  2  3  4  5

8. We have learned much since Scripture was written, such that some of what it purports to teach must be modified or rejected.
   1  2  3  4  5

9. The only context established and approved by God for sexual relationship is between a man and woman in a committed marriage.
   1  2  3  4  5

For questions 10-16, please preface each statement with the following phrase:
“The issue in ECUSA today with regard to homosexual conduct is…”

10. ... an issue of civil rights.
    1  2  3  4  5

11. ... an issue of personal freedom versus outdated sexual taboos and phobias.
    1  2  3  4  5

12. ... an issue of church governance and procedures.
    1  2  3  4  5

13. ... an issue of pastoral care requiring sensitivity and compassion.
    1  2  3  4  5

14. ... an issue of the authority of Scripture.
    1  2  3  4  5

15. ... an issue of the nature and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
    1  2  3  4  5

16. ... an issue of salvation.
    1  2  3  4  5
17. There should be room in the Episcopal Church for priests and bishops who accept homosexual conduct as a valid, non-sinful choice. 1 2 3 4 5

18. There should be room in the Episcopal Church for priests and bishops who consider homosexual conduct to be sin. 0 0 0 0 0

19. The church should not divide over this issue. 1 2 3 4 5

20. If the Diocese of South Carolina does not become separate in some formal way from ECUSA, I intend to resign my orders as an Episcopal priest. 1 2 3 4 5

21. If the Diocese of South Carolina separates in some formal way from ECUSA, I intend to transfer from this diocese to an ECUSA diocese. 1 2 3 4 5

For questions 22-26, please preface each statement with the following phrase: "The solution to our problem in ECUSA is . . .":

22. . . . for ECUSA to repent of its actions and return to traditional standards. 1 2 3 4 5

23. . . . flying bishops and non-geographical dioceses. 1 2 3 4 5

24. . . . a separate Anglican Province for the Network diocese/parishes. 1 2 3 4 5

25. . . . time; we should wait and let the fuss die down. 1 2 3 4 5

26. . . . for the conservatives to go along and get along (not that big an issue). 1 2 3 4 5

27. As a priest, I should not follow my bishop's direction when it conflicts with Scripture, as traditionally interpreted by the Anglican Church. 1 2 3 4 5

28. All people should be welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of whether or not they have been baptized. 1 2 3 4 5

29. Gender is not an issue for me in the context of ordination to the priesthood. 1 2 3 4 5

30. Being divorced and remarried should preclude one from being a bishop. 1 2 3 4 5

31. Human life begins at conception and should not be aborted unless the pregnancy has put the life of the mother in imminent physical danger. 1 2 3 4 5

32. The most important task of the churches in this Diocese is to reach the lost with the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 2 3 4 5

33. The supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit (including prophecy, healing, tongues, interpretation, etc.) are valid for use in the church today. 1 2 3 4 5

34. The church suffers today from a lack of clear manifestations of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit as seen in the book of Acts. 1 2 3 4 5

35. I accept the theology and doctrine expressed in The Articles of Religion (Book of Common Prayer, pp. 867-876). 1 2 3 4 5

36. Babies and young children who are baptized are thereby cleansed from sin, and born again, having salvation in Christ unto eternal life. 1 2 3 4 5

37. I endorse the Catechism statement that we recognize truths to be taught by the Holy Spirit when they are in accord with the Scriptures (BCP p. 853). 1 2 3 4 5

38. I have a daily or almost daily devotional time which includes personal Bible study and prayer. 1 2 3 4 5
39. I have a spiritual director or mentor. 1 2 3 4 5
40. My spouse is manifestly active at my parish in ministry. 1 2 3 4 5
41. It is important that a bishop's spouse be manifestly active in the life and 1 2 3 4 5
ministry of the bishop's diocese.
42. It is important that clergy be active in a small group fellowship where 1 2 3 4 5
they give and receive love, support, truth, feedback and prayer.
43. I am in such a small group fellowship. 1 2 3 4 5
44. I believe I am basically a good fit in my present parish. 1 2 3 4 5
45. I am planning or hoping for a change of parish assignments. 1 2 3 4 5
46. I am basically a good fit in the Diocese of South Carolina. 1 2 3 4 5
47. The Diocese of South Carolina has provided good support for my ministry. 1 2 3 4 5
48. I feel supported and equipped by the Diocese to engage in evangelism and outreach. 1 2 3 4 5
49. The medical benefits of this Diocese are adequate. 1 2 3 4 5
50. The litigation between the Diocese and All Saints (AMiA) should be 1 2 3 4 5
settled out of court even if it means All Saints (AMiA) gets the property.
51. AMiA's ministry and planned expansion in the Diocese of South Carolina 1 2 3 4 5
is a good thing.
52. If they had to choose, my congregation would rather lose our parish property than stay part of ECUSA in the long run. 1 2 3 4 5
53. I believe being in the Anglican Communion is extremely important. 1 2 3 4 5
54. I feel that the National Church (ECUSA) is an encouragement in my ministry. 1 2 3 4 5
55. My parish benefits by being part of the National Church (ECUSA). 1 2 3 4 5
56. A summary of the results of this survey should be made public in the Diocese as well as given to the prospective bishop candidates in the Profile. 1 2 3 4 5

THANK YOU again for your earnest efforts to respond to this survey. Please return it in the enclosed, stamped, self-addressed envelope as soon as possible, but not later than June 30th. Do not include your name, and do not remove or otherwise efface the number included hereon. The Search Committee cannot accept unnumbered survey responses. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.