



Welcome

Welcome to **via media values**: *Baptismal Ethics in Action*. We think you will find it a great way to collaboratively guide people deeper into putting their beliefs to work.

Like the original **via media**, which has been used in more than 1,000 churches and more than 100 dioceses, it has been produced to tell the story of our faith in a way that invites dialogue and mutual discovery. While the first **via media** is a kind of handbook and guided conversation about Anglican theology and traditions, **via media values** is focused on the implication and manifestation of those beliefs; how we take our faith into the world.

Designed to be used in six one-hour sessions, **via media values** is great for adult or youth forums, teaching about the diaconate, or perhaps a Lenten series. Unlike the original **via media**, it works very well with no advance training. Open the facilitator documents and read them sufficiently ahead of time and you should be ready to go.

We are grateful to all the people who participated in this project. We particularly commend to you to the works of two authors who helped shape the viewpoint of the six sessions. The Rev. Dr. Jay Johnson's *Dancing With God: Anglican Christianity And The Practice Of Hope* (Morehouse, 2005) and all of the works by Dr. Timothy Sedgwick listed in the personnel guide are particularly appropriate for further study of Anglican ethics.

Tim's book *Sacramental Ethics* (which is no longer in print) was particularly formative to our thinking about what it means to be a Eucharistic community. His later book *The Christian Moral Life* (Eerdmans/Forward Movement, 1999) is a further exploration of that topic and is highly recommended if you, or your participants, want to delve deeper into this topic. We are deeply grateful to both Jay and Tim for their contributions to this series.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. We welcome your feedback and comments. You can reach us at viamedia@everyvoice.net

Sincerely,

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