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Dear Barbara:

Thank you for your letter to the Executive Council laying out your concerns about the situation in your diocese. We appreciate that your staunch commitment to The Episcopal Church in the midst of challenging times is demanding of you a high personal and institutional price.

The Presiding Bishop's office is invested in responding in all the ways that are canonically and pastorally possible to the concerns you and others have raised. Both she and the Executive Council are committed to doing what we can to help the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina continue to participate fully in the life, work and mission of The Episcopal Church. We value your voice in South Carolina.

The realities of our church polity mean that there are canonical limits to how her office and the Executive Council can intervene. There are, however, other formal and informal ways in which the diocese is connected to the wider church. We are aware that the Forum is making good use of some of these informal connections already. We encourage you to continue this and to make use of resources that are yours by right at the provincial level and through interactions with other Episcopal Church organizations.

We continue to hold you and the entire diocese in our prayers.

I am
Faithfully yours,

(The Rev'd. Canon Dr.) Gregory S. Straub
Secretary of Executive Council

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