

## 2025 Report

### Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee

The Rev'd K. Nicholas Forti, the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer of the Diocese has been serving as the Vice President of the Virginia Council of Churches since November 2023. His term ends November 2025. After his term, he will continue to represent Bishop Johnston and the Diocese as a member of the Steering Committee and the Coordinating Cabinet of the Virginia Council of Churches.

The Ecumenical Officer also continues to co-chair the Virginia Lutheran-Episcopal Committee, which includes representation from the three Episcopal dioceses in Virginia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Virginia Synod and Metro-DC Synod. Father Forti is joined on that committee by the Rev'd James Rickenbaker and the Rev'd Kyle Tomlin. In 2025, this committee has been comparing the Liturgy of Holy Eucharist (Rite 2) in the Book of Common Prayer with the Liturgy of Holy Eucharist in the ELCA's Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. The purpose of this study has been to prepare to create videos for YouTube and other social media providing instruction and guidance for clergy of the respective denominations when they are called upon to preside at the Liturgy in a church of the other denomination.

If you are interested in becoming involved in these or other ecumenical or interfaith committees and events, please contact the Rev'd K. Nicholas Forti at [KNicholasForti@gmail.com](mailto:KNicholasForti@gmail.com).