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***Transforming Our Criminal Justice System: Engaging Our Community* - The Episcopal Forum of SC announces this conference to be held on Saturday, 9/16/17 at the Trident Tech Conference Center, North Charleston Main Campus**

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Have you ever wondered what you can do to support safety and justice? Have you pondered how sustainable reform in the criminal justice system actually happens? Do you want to help to make it better in healthy and constructive ways?

Come contribute in a positive way by attending this conference sponsored by the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina in collaboration with Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), City of Charleston's Illumination Project, faith-based organizations, and community partners. All community members, faith-based groups, students and criminal justice professionals are welcome. Together, participants will discuss, learn, and contribute towards making our local criminal justice system the best one in the country.

The day will be devoted to enhancing each other's understanding of the criminal justice system in our community and providing ways individuals and organizations can help make it better. Participants will be engaged in rich discussion throughout the day to look back in time, at the present national and local status, and towards the future of our criminal justice system. Participants will have opportunities to identify specific and concrete actions that will help bring about the desired future.

Topics include:

- Historical context of faith-based groups and their evolving impact on systems of justice
- Local and statewide perspectives on current justice system strengths and areas for improvement
- Matters of pretrial justice that align with legal foundations and best practices
- Addressing the needs of those living with mental illness, addiction, and/or homelessness
- Proven practices to reduce re-offending in high risk populations

Speakers include community members as well as leadership from the criminal justice system and diverse faiths. The format includes multimedia panels and interactive group discussions. Many organizations actively serving those involved in the criminal justice system will also be exhibiting at this conference. Through increased awareness and constructive engagement this conference seeks to achieve excellence in our criminal justice system.

Tickets, including lunch, are available for \$35 at www.episcopalforum.com. (Students \$25)



About the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina

The Episcopal Forum of SC (EFSC) sponsors public conferences related to spirituality and social justice in the tradition of The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion. The Forum is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation affiliated with The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, which is the Eastern South Carolina diocese of The Episcopal Church worldwide.