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PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Did you talk about aspects of the issue that you hadn’t considered before? If so, please explain.

2. Has your thinking changed as a result of participating in this forum? If so, please explain.

3. What, if anything, might individuals or congregations do differently as a result of this forum? (i.e. What ideas do you have for potential actions individuals or churches could take?)

4. What approach resonates most with you?

5. What approach do you think resonates most with your church, as a whole?

Please return your completed questionnaire to the forum moderator.

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DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE STATEMENTS BELOW?

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<td>2. Church communities should refrain from making political statements.</td>
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<td>3. Preachers should not convey political positions in their sermons.</td>
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<td>4. Churches can be places for political forums and conversation.</td>
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<td>5. Congregations are places where listening and exchanging ideas about critical societal issues can take place.</td>
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<td>6. Churches should speak from faith and address political and social issues.</td>
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8. Are you thinking any differently about the church’s role in a divided society now that you have participated in the forum? Please explain.

9. Did you learn anything new from others? Please explain.

10. Considering your own congregation or community, what steps might you suggest for the role of faith communities in this contentious time in American life?

Optional Responses:
Demographic information helps us have a better understanding of the participant audience and who is sharing this feedback. Using this data, we can know who we have heard from already and who else we might need to hear from on

11. Are you male or female?  □ Male  □ Female  □ Prefer not to answer

12. How old are you?  □ 17 or younger  □ 18-30  □ 31-45  □ 46-64  □ 65 or older

13. Are you:  □ African American  □ Asian American  □ Hispanic or Latino  □ American Indian or Native American  □ White/Caucasian  □ Other (please specify)

14. What is your ZIP code? _________________________________

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