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The Episcopal Church has come to espouse a developed form of baptismal ecclesiology, in which all laypersons are in the virtue of their baptism and the ordained ministry is understood as a particular form of the ministry of all the baptized. The Book of Common Prayer was significant for this. Also included in that book was a 'Baptismal Covenant' that has become a statement of the Episcopal Church's commitment to social action and 'inclusion'. This article documents the genes

form of baptismal ecclesiology and of the Baptismal Covenant, highlights their relevance for the ordination of women to their significance for the moral and ecclesiological aspects of the current crisis in the Anglican Communion. Consider the ecclesiology of the Church of England, as expressed in its liturgy and in relevant reports.



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