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I may write a more comprehensive submittal in due time but want to simply pose a question for now. As Anglicans express much energy and thought about the current issue one thing puzzles me. Weddings in the Church are public events of Worship and in most churches it is well publicized that they take place. There is a wonderful spot in the liturgy where the congregation agrees to do all it their power to support and uphold the marriage. What saddens me and my question is why do almost no parishioners ever attend these weddings unless they know the people personally? When did the parish church quit being a key part of that group that supports and upholds? We need to be invited to Receptions, not to weddings.

My suggestion is that should go back to a model (some places may well do this already) where groups of solid, married Lay People are involved in Marriage Preparation Courses.

I realize that my response is not addressing the particular question. I do feel it is pertinent to a larger discussion of marriage generally.

I would like to conclude by thanking the members of the Marriage Commission for taking on this challenging task. You are in our prayers.

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