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Subject: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Dear Bishop,

I'm writing as chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to follow up on my email sent in mid January (see below). Our work in this triennium includes a review of "Liturgical Resources 1: I Will Bless You, and You Will Be a Blessing," which the 2012 General Convention commended for study and use in dioceses and congregations of the Episcopal Church. The resource includes a substantial theological essay about the blessing of lifelong same-sex relationships, as well as a discussion guide. Responses to these and other parts of the resource would be helpful to the commission, and so I am asking every diocese to identify a contact person who will work with the commission to gather feedback. In addition, the commission would like to know whether you have authorized the liturgy "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" for use in your diocese and to receive copies of or links to any letters or documents you have issued.

The liturgy and a brief summary of theological principles are available as a [free download](#) on the Church Publishing website: <http://tinyurl.com/bvc7jnm>. Currently a French translation is also available; I expect a Spanish translation to be posted shortly, along with a Word document to enable users to make adaptations that a diocesan bishop may authorize.

Please send the name and contact information for your contact person to me at the address below. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

This comes with my best wishes for a holy and blessed Lent.

Grace and peace,

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From: Meyers, Ruth
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Dear Bishop,

Greetings in this Epiphany season of light!

As chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, I am writing in regard to the commission's work on

General Convention Resolution 2012-A049, which directs the commission to undertake an open process for review of the resource “I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing.” The participation of your diocese is important to our work. Your engagement of this material throughout the triennium to whatever degree and in whatever form that might take will add value to this ongoing work of our Church.

To assist the commission in its review of the resource, please identify a contact person in your diocese who will work with the commission to gather feedback from your diocese. The resource includes a substantial theological essay and discussion guide. Responses to these from throughout the church would be especially helpful, since this is the work of the Episcopal Church as a whole.

In addition, please let me know whether you have authorized the liturgy “The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant” for use in your diocese, and if so, whether you have authorized any adaptations to meet the needs of members of the Church, as the resolution permits. A copy of or link to any letters you have sent or documents you have issued would be very helpful. Understanding the extent of use and how the liturgy is being used is an important part of the commission’s review.

During the last triennium, the commission worked with the Archives of the Episcopal Church to create a digital archive of material for this project, which is available at <http://www.episcopalarchives.org/SCLM/>. We have asked them to continue to develop that archive, adding material we receive about authorization of the liturgy. Information you provide in response to this email, including any documents or links, will be posted there unless you explicitly state that you do not give permission for your response to be publicly posted on the digital archive. If you have questions about the digital archive, please contact Mark Duffy, archivist, at research@episcopalarchives.org.

If you have questions about this or any other aspect of the commission’s work, please let me know. The bishops on the commission, Tom Ely (Vermont), Steve Miller (Milwaukee), and Kee Sloan (Alabama), also welcome correspondence and/or conversation with you.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please send the name and contact information for your contact person to me at the address below.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Ruth A. Meyers
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