1	Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
2	Response to
3	2009 Resolution C056: Liturgies for Blessings
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6	Resolution 2009-C056
7	<i>Resolved</i> , the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge the changing circumstances in the United States and in other nations, as logislation sutherizing or
8 9	changing circumstances in the United States and in other nations, as legislation authorizing or forbidding marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons is passed
9 10	in various civil jurisdictions that call forth a renewed pastoral response from this Church, and for
10	an open process for the consideration of theological and liturgical resources for the blessing of
12	same gender relationships; and be it further
13	same gender relationships, and be it further
14	Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House
15	of Bishops, collect and develop theological and liturgical resources, and report to the 77th
16	General Convention; and be it further
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18	Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House
19	of Bishops, devise an open process for the conduct of its work inviting participation from
20	provinces, dioceses, congregations, and individuals who are engaged in such theological work,
21	and inviting theological reflection from throughout the Anglican Communion; and be it further
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23	Resolved, That bishops, particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-
24	gender marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships are legal, may provide generous pastoral
25	response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it further
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27	Resolved, That this Convention honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to
28	matters of human sexuality; and be it further
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30	Resolved, That the members of this Church be encouraged to engage in this effort.
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1	Response of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music
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3	1. Developing Theological and Liturgical Resources. The commission is preparing a
4	collection of resources that will include:
5	a. <u>Theological resources:</u> One or more essays that set forth the scriptural foundations
6	and theological rationale for blessing same-gender relationships
7	b. <u>Liturgical resources:</u> One or more rites that embody these theological principles
8	c. <u>Pastoral and teaching materials:</u>
9	<i>i.</i> to assist clergy preparing same-sex couples to participate in a blessing of
10	their relationship
11	<i>ii.</i> to guide congregations who are considering welcoming the blessing of
12	same-sex relationships as part of their congregational life
13	The commission has formed three task groups to develop these resources. A list of
14	members is attached.
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16	2. Collecting Theological and Liturgical Resources. The commission is gathering materials
17	that it plans to make available electronically. Please send material to
18	sclm@episcopalchurch.org
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