

**SCLM Meeting Minutes, May 5-8, 2007**  
**Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park, California**

**In attendance:** Mildred Springer, Ernesto Medina, Clay Morris, Samuel Cheung, Wayne Smith [Vice-Chair], Greg Howe, Ted Yumoto, Sandra Montes, Jennifer Phillips, Devon Anderson. Jeannine Otis, Jess Wilkerson, Laurie Thompson [secy], Julia Huttar Bailey [Chairperson], Carl Maulsby, Frank Tedeschi, Henry Loutit [arr. Tuesday PM] excused: Sergio Carranza-Gomez

**Guest:** Sandy Webb

**Monday Night**

The Commission met Monday evening for sharing of prayer, review of agenda items. Considerable discussion was given to the need to address the emergent church issue, but uncertainty as to how. Review of the evolving praise music agenda was also discussed. Compline followed, officiated by Frank Tedeschi.

**Tuesday** (*a covenant was made to stop on every hour for a moment of silent prayer and hymn to be sung, chosen by appointed leaders*)

Morning session:

Jeanine Otis led in a time of prayer and worship.

Frank Tedeschi reported on the transitions of Church Publishing. Cowley will no longer exist as they are currently known; Church Publishing is trying to weight the shifting context. RCL had some loose ends, particularly the nine canticles. The BCP with the RCL is about to be produced by Oxford, Church Publishing and HarperCollins. The minor editing is being done without changing anything in the interior of BCP. The Table of Contents has been reset and the empty page at the back of the lectionary [page 932]. Also of concern is a new project Tom Pavlechko [Of the ELCA] and Carl Daw that puts liturgical music to the Revised Common Lectionary. A slew of liturgy planning tools is evolving.

Devon Anderson asked for feedback on the Liturgy of Rachel's tears, Hannah's hopes [a work that was started in a subcommittee in April 2005]. A discussion was rigorous about many aspects of this work in anticipation of the visit from our guest.

Clay Morris, liturgical Officer, reported on activities at 815 Second Avenue. Liturgical resource materials are growing exponentially. Clay has been liturgical officer for 16 years; he has pondered about what the future holds for his office.

Afternoon Session:

Georgette Forney, a guest, shared her testimony about her life and ministry that led to her role with NOEL, National Organization of Christians for Life. She offered his

excitement and concerns about the proposed drafty liturgies, *Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes*. She was concerned about using language that was direct and not flowery, and also which was pastorally caring enough to speak directly of sin. A lengthy and helpful discussion ensued looking at various parts of the prayers and liturgy.

After the break, The Chair asked that we postpone the discussion of open communion until the next meeting.

The Chair, Julia Huttar Bailey, reviewed the subcommittee on rites and prayers surrounding adoption of children. They met in April in Orlando to begin the work together. Wayne Smith asked that the agreement to include an academic liturgist from the start be included.

Evening session

Subcommittees on Enriching our Worship, Calendar on the saints and Music met to do work on projects.

### **Wednesday**

Sam Cheung led in Morning Prayer.

Greg Howe presented the hagiography. Material was reviewed and discussed. Suggested amendments were given. Fr Howe presented the selection criteria and the details of the ongoing work for expansion of the calendar addressing a breadth of the interest.

The chair began the session with the following items

#### **1. Schedule of SCLM Meetings : 4 dates**

Meeting 2: Sept 26-29, 2007 [*note close connection to HOB for Wayne*]

Meeting 3: Feb 18-21, 2008

Meeting 4: May 19-22, 2008

Meeting 5: October 13-17, 2008 [blue book work]

#### **6. AGENDA items for next meeting**

- a. 10 minutes slot for Church Publishing,
- b. LFF report [list will come ahead of time for committee members to think about and respond to; results will be fodder for continued work]
- c. Work on Reproductive
- d. Music committee report

- e. Emergent Church [AKA multi-sensory]
- f. EOW report
- g. Reconciliation report
- h. Role of Laity in consecration rites
- i. Prayers in Time of War
- j. D084 Open Communion – Data gathering needed.
- k. Discussion of baptismal ecclesiology [brief discussion] & BCP revision

6. Closed with Compline at 21:26

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Thompson

Wednesday Morning Notes

**Calendar Committee:**

Greg:

Two essays - Thomas Talley, Louis Weil on what constitutes a saint, what we look for in passing on history of church and modeling of discipleship= Principles of Revision.

Calendar is tentative at the present. First task - to approve a list of names. Caps no underlines are great Feasts of BCP. Small non-underlined are extant LFF in calendar. Small with underlines are proposed additions. Not set in stone. Work of about a dozen people over six years incl. Alexander, Howe, Weil, Rowthorn, Loutit, Smith, Mildred, Jennifer, Greg.

Looked at some 35 Anglican calendars, also Methodist, RC, Lutheran. Also used “The Episcopalians” “A Year of American Saints.” Seminaries, individuals, interest groups, parishes all nominated people.

2 Outside proposals to note: Susan B. Anthony and John Brown were excluded as unsuitable.

Names in blue:

Righteous Gentiles looking for a lead name, chose Wallenburg. Still evolving - Muslim names may be included.

Our Lady Apparitions - House of Bishops have been asked. Maybe an Appendix of these? e.g. Our Lady of Guadeloupe.

John Roberts is pending Native American input which has been requested. 815 Missioner is working on this. Heavily identified with the Indian Schools and tho’ he was a reformer of these, the Shoshone have not weighed in about him. Wayne: “If they’re not talking it means something.”

Kinsolving awaiting Brazil Church translations. Probably will suggest him.

Martyrs of Sudan - need a leading name - awaiting word from Sudan.

Correct birth date for James Weldon Johnson is June 18, 1871.

Genocide Remembrance Day?

Comments:

Ernest: re:Guadeloupe - Her story is about those who have no authority who receive it.  
Frank: George - really was a 4<sup>th</sup> century martyr? Greg: More an issue of the countries who have him as a patron and churches bearing his name, as well as among the Druse, Palestinian Christians. Also Cecilia - represents the underground church and oral tradition in her homeplace.

Junipero Sera - responsible for a genocide of indigenous people in CA. In RC Church his beatification was political Roman agenda vs. identity of Mexican and US Hispanics.

Jesuits who came into Chappas are a good alternative - came in under papal authority not king of Spain and brought Gospel of enculturation.

Cezar Chavez - tho' not yet dead long enough, but is locally commemorated. Greg: need a 3 sentence tag for him in the appendix.

Loutit - Evangelicals in his area will welcome Whitefield especially. He converted many and was ecumenist (post denominationist), but also has baggage - beat children.

Wayne: add Mary of Egypt? "The first 17 years were the hardest."

Frank: July 26 - Joachim and Anna - good that they're back.

Resource for children? Ernesto spoke with RC and they will receive the list and develop a "sibling resource" for children to accompany calendar. 3<sup>rd</sup> week June they meet.

Frank G is revising pedantic existing collects.

All saints will have 3 lessons. Extensive use of non and under used-propers for new additions, esp. Apocrypha.

E.McLaughlin will review the hagiographies. Ted Hackett will draft these. We will try to deliver propers first for Gen Con, and then the bios which do not go to the GenCon. A book to be sent to Bps & Deputies with propers, dates, summaries.

Hope to Expand selection of Commons...possibly some new proper prefaces.

Need contract advice.

Loutit - can we group existing saints - e.g. missionary saints, that can be celebrated together in places not doing daily Masses? A Section of calendar doing this?

Frank - Legislative process - these have previously come as trial use selections. How will this book and then bios be presented? Greg - we will name a date to have everything cleaned up in time. Done similar to proposed BCP... small letters "proposed" on title page of book. Not set in stone.

Ernesto - Appendix pages? Greg- larger, with proposed extra Common, prefaces, expanded list, those not dead long enough but who have local cults, to hold them in the Church's memory. Ernesto- very creative! Principles will be included? Yes. How can we clarify the path by which people come into the calendar - need a very clear recipe to show communities how to move someone through the process. Greg- doing this and it will be up front not in the back.

### **Antisemitism:**

**Dr. Marilyn Salmon a priest in Devon's diocese for whom this is a life work (author -Preaching Without Contempt: Overcoming Unintentional AntiJudaism)** asked to consult on this and has done so.

Greg: We lost the Reproaches because Epis not educated about what things mean rather than what we think they mean. Wayne - Weil has some clear ideas on this that should be heard. Quibbles with some of these names - Marcus Borg. Luke Timothy Johnson better.

Frank: intent of resolution? Being Xtn in pluralist society I grapple with - not compromising what I believe. Supersessionism - e.g. Acts is pretty polemical, yet they were nearly all Jews. Family Feud within Judaism. What do we need to tell the church about all this.

Greg: lay people hear blunt supersessionism on TV and assume it's normative. We aren't clear about debunking this.

Henry - not just our problem in Xty. Someone to write a paper for clergy on how to set a background for congregations. Jennifer - a lectionary guide with small blurbs to reproduce for congregational bulletins, newsletters, for readers. Methodists talk about "God's people."

Wayne - Our OT is not the same Book as the "Hebrew Scriptures".

Greg- Louis Weil could draft an essay for the Blue Book if he's willing.

Wayne - preaching guidelines would be useful.

Greg - there is a well-agreed interfaith guideline about use of texts.

Frank - NRSV is not helpful in translation on these issues, e.g. "Temple police".

Wayne - can Marilyn take point on this? Devon thinks yes.

Clay - paragraph about "Christian Seders" needed.

Frank- one exists in the archives of DPS. Clay will distribute it if Frank can supply the text.

### **Reproductive Loss Project follow-up:**

Overarching issues - more consistency with 1994 Journal piece re:theology of abortion esp. in intro

More elevation re: inexplicable mystery of God

more bravery re: less flowery language, bitterness of the moment

issue of sin/redemption lifted up

reconciliation piece (JMP will work, Laurie too)

attributive language re: emotions of people, God. an "I" litany for reconciliation, but not attributive language for we parts.

circulation - Phoebe P. might help suggest circle to review it

Sandy - Georgette said we haven't quite provided what her group needed. In fact, once a resolution goes forward, it becomes the property of the Commission to move it forward as they see best, not of the sponsor to define it.

Sam - how will we let people know this resource exists?

Frank - GenCon books get quite a bit of respect. If Noel (now "Anglicans For Life"; Silenomore.org website) also endorses it, that will help.

### **Translation Issues for Changes:**

Sandy: Thomas Mansella said "work has not begun" because he doesn't have the final texts. We will get them to him. Funding - parts he will do himself under his stipend from Church Center; there should be \$\$ coming from SCLM project budget to help. Butch Gamarra would be a welcome help as well as lots of other folks to test and review the work once done to be sure it is expressive and poetic for a variety of language groups as well as an authentic translation.

Greg: PBF needs to note the limited resources and the need for more.

Sandy: expense is huge. French translation will come after the Spanish as it is able to be paid for.

Ernesto - I listen to the concerns about need for many people giving input. Butch is an expert in multiple use of dialects and vocabulary and would save step of needing huge testing. This was his professional training before priesthood, plus he was part of the project and knows it well.

Clay - anyone have a clue about the cost?

Sandra - Formula based on word count (8-11 cents/word though some charge more).

Sandy - Thomas gather oral translators familiar with church language for the Church Center and GenCon. French is slightly more expensive as Spanish.

Ernesto - East Coast bias of existing translating. Butch is on West Coast and helps the demographic spread. Frustrating how long it has been since the request went out.

Clay - document length? About 18,000 words = \$3600. If so, budget constraint is severe and maybe Ernesto's suggestion is the only way this will happen. If we pay out of SCLM program budget maybe we can go ahead and choose the translator. We have spent about \$6100 so far of our budget.

Wayne - Thomas is already partly salaried to do this.

Sandy - next step to ask Thomas to provide a timeline for the work and SCLM can assess whether it is acceptable.

Julia - how much will it cost to use these many other people, we need to ask him?

Clay what happens when we have corrected Spanish text? Frank -CPI has trouble publishing hard copies unless there is a big market, but electronic versions are possible.

### **Sandy on GenCon Office:**

Describes office - side to arrange meetings and support work; other side to support budget & finance of Commissions and Gen Con itself. Third side - Liturgy desk. We give canonical perspective and we manage expense reimbursements.

MTS passenger receipt must be stapled onto travel sheet and sent in even if there's no claim for other expenses. Expense Form is at [episcopalchurch.org/finance](http://episcopalchurch.org/finance) - return to GenCon Office with receipts.

### **Next meeting**

Sept. W-F 26-29 in New Orleans.

Feb M-Th 18-21, 2008 place? will follow.

May 19-22, 2008 Seattle.

Oct. M-F 13-18 Blue Book prep.

### **Reconciliation:**

Jennifer - this project is moving slowly. Initially gathering essays and lit mats possibly for a trade book dealing with reconciliation rites at every level from individual, congregational, to large church bodies, also spiritual directors and confessors and penitents. As Anglican Communion conflict percolates we need not to rush this work but to allow time to develop what will be needed. Welcome input about resource people, materials already in use, essays. One essay has been received so far.

Henry - about to have a Cherokee reconciliation event

Ernesto - teaching at Pablo Jimenez National Cathedral College. Michael Whitmer & Joanne O'Donnell have a reconciliation movement.

Wednesday afternoon meeting notes

Agenda for next mtng:

2 hours to present calendar propers and review them  
role of laity in ordination rites  
open Communion discussion  
daily office update

Daily Office notes:

Ernesto:

Committee of 9 met in Orlando, reviewed history, hopes, dreams.  
Difference of monastic bias of current book and cathedral model Cathedral focused on praise/intercession as primary, office for day/time/seasons/ simple repetitive, ceremonial elements, Scriptures included but not extensive. Monastic is word centered, whole psalter, Scripture in course, meditative and corporate act of worship.  
Suggested emphasizing Cathedral model. Night Watch, Coming of Light, Deliberate Beginning, Blessing, Fervor & Commitment, Shadows grow longer, Lighting the Lamps, Completing the Circle as parallel for ancient hours. Suitable for individuals, small groups/families, gathered community. Variable with major seasons of Church Year.

2 Scriptures per office. One specific to season and hour - mantra like.

Used for same office the whole season. Second fixed for time of day. Also a set of options for various lectionaries for those who desire more.

Also some intergenerational materials, some "I wonder" questions for reflection, about social response to reading. Some visual tools perhaps. Active use of electronics.

Clay: re: production -Hand held template - based on a grid menu. Book according to largest form with cue lines along margins.

Greg: Taft & Jungman considered re:monastic vs. Cathedral? - Yes.

Cranmer biases cathedral rather than monastic. Yes, the grid does this too.

Other Anglican provinces are ahead in incorporating visuals – exciting that we should do this.

Frank: CPI could publish a personal edition that uses images as well as texts.

Music:

Carl - getting laity involved...sources they use on a daily basis like radio, TV, like old Mormon broadcasts. Epis should invest in a weekly mainline am station program, downloadable.

Perfecting the Principles of Congregational Song and making a video.

Baptismal theology:

Wayne: Our ecclesiology in practice still is based on ordination and

this is wrong. If we get it in our bones that primary dignity & purpose comes from baptism people would not be on a mission to be ordained but focus on community needs and being available to God.

Ernesto: So many have been told they can't minister and been squashed - an issue of ministry of the laity being valued.

Carl: Need an education plan for ministry.

Greg: Not so much a way of preventing bad things from happening but expanding good things that could happen.

Wayne: Sacred Harp community - sections seated separately and take turns leading creating intentional hospitality - no spectators.

Everyone takes a turn standing in the middle and leading, even guests.

Though people say they're not good enough, someone will go and invite that person to come and stand beside them as they lead. Can we translate that into what we do in church?

Greg: ELCA relationship offers possibility. Lutherans sing differently - as a primary point of worship. We tend to value words over music. We might gain from working with them on this.

Ernesto: Failure of church to give permission to churchfolk to sing is a symptom of wider failure to free them to be who they are as children of God.

Clay- to encourage authority of baptized scares many clergy.

Jennifer - licensing lay ministries has a chilling effect on the feeling of lay people that many can learn and do these tasks of community life.

Sandy - start conversation with SCMD on these issues.

Clay - breaking habits of clericalism and hierarchy re: ordination/consecration, titles for clergy.

Carl: Encourage use of our downloadable document on new ministry. This emphasized baptism well as shown in the investiture of Bp. Katharine.

Worthwhile if CPI distributed this to every clergy person and vestry?

(Actually belongs to Church Center not CPI)

Clay: Mass mailing no longer works.

Wayne: forces against Baptismal theology are enormous. Private baptisms are still being done.

Devon: What's our charge about this? What energy do we have for this if it isn't going anywhere? (Clay is passionate about it.)

Wayne: Initiative from us?

Clay: APLM has just been talking about this and that what unites Anglicans is not bonds of affection but Baptism.

Ernesto: Practical real steps?

Carl: special focus on say Pentecost 2008...calling for public baptisms?

Renewal of vows...? Invitation not mandate.

Clay: legislating action doesn't work.

Ernesto: Our church should be issuing invitations to more parties to come see what we are about.

Wayne: Once the practices in the BCP are truly adopted, the understanding will change. We miss the element of surprise in liturgy and opt out of this in baptism.

\*Wayne and Ernesto will get together and plan something and report back next meeting.

Prayer Book Revision segue into more on translation:

Clay: When Ruth Meyers stands up and says it won't be real until it's in the book, I get a tingle about this.

Greg: We can actually do things now in a legal and acceptable way that the church accepts. This used not to be so. We can test to see if materials work now before they are locked into place. We are in a precarious place re:language/languages and not able to work this out yet. If we go on insisting that our work be a word for word literal translation of the English, we won't get anywhere.

Ernesto: Eucharistic prayer plan is to add prayers composed in languages other than English, plus to recover some historical gems.

Carl: Some work has been done with both language groups by bilingual people in at the design phase so both are involved in the choosing from the start.

Ernesto: working not just with English and Spanish but the great variety of languages in our church.

Sandy: Thomas responded: If he has text by June 1 by year end he should be finished.

Sandy: Barriers erected to prevent people who didn't know what they were doing in translating unfortunately impede people who do know what they are doing.