

SCLM Meeting, Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta, GA October 22-25, 2019

Present

Paul Fromberg The Rev. Priest (Chair)
Ellen Johnston Mrs. Lay (Vice-Chair)
Jessica Nelson Ms. Lay (Secretary)
Thomas Alexander Mr. Lay (Member)
Stannard Baker The Rev. Deacon (Member)
Michael Boney Dr. Lay (Member)
Mark Childers Canon Lay (Member)
Joshua Floberg Mr. Lay (Member)
Jeffrey Lee The Rt. Rev. Bishop (Member)
Ellis Montes Mr. Lay (Member)
John Robert Mr. Lay (Member)
James Turrell The Rev. Canon Priest (Member)
Andrew Waldo The Rt. Rev. Bishop (Member)
Pierre Whalon The Rt. Rev. Bishop (Member)
Susan Anslow Williams The Rev. Priest (Member)
Juan M.C. Oliver The Rev. Dr Priest (Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer)

Absent

Martha Burford Ms. Lay (Member)
Robert Hino The Rev. Canon Priest (Member)
J. Sierra Reyes The Rev. Priest (Member)
Angel Gabriel Roque Brother Lay (Member)
Terry White The Rt. Rev. Bishop (Member)
Carl Wright The Rt. Rev. Bishop (Member)
Frank Logue The Rev. Canon Priest (Liaison of Executive Council)

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Began at 7:05 pm with singing and checkins. Reviewed norms for our work together, subcommittee structure, and agenda, tagging items that bear close consideration.

8:40 - approved agenda by acclamation, recessed for the evening

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

9:15 am - reconvened, will delay blue book report instructions until later with a visit from the GCO; reconsidered subcommittee assignments as well as the possibility of retaining additional consultants for subcommittee work

Lesser Feasts and Fasts - are there specific canonical issues identified that need addressing?

Resolution A065 - re: criteria for inclusion; clear and unambiguous plan for a single, unified calendar. Questions raised: Are the criteria for BCP calendar different from LFF calendar? Does this create multiple tiers of observances? Does designating commemorations being apostolic/post-apostolic make sense? Do these designations carry positive/negative connotations? Do we have a unified understanding of what an Anglican AND Episcopalian understanding of the sanctoral calendar would look like? How does emotion play in to anxiety around commemoration? Do we need to pave the way "emotionally" before 2021? The Rev. Canon Jim Turrell provided a brief overview of the history and use of the sanctoral calendar. Does relying so much on historical precedent still serve us well? Is there a consistent practice of the intercession of saints across the church?

Reviewed 2009 criteria for commemoration, annotated with suggested deletions, additions, changes to the criteria.

10:25 - break

10:40 - reconvened

Continued discussion of criteria for inclusion, wordsmithing individual criteria, the addition of a preface to the criteria; calendar subcommittee will consider suggestions, refine, and bring back to the whole SCLM

Reviewed Bishop Andrew Waldo's white paper on the calendar - the focus of the paper is formational -- How do we teach the calendar? What's the difference between the monastic/cathedral office? Does the church need to understand this? Does this bear on the future of the daily office?

Bishop Pierre Whalon discusses letter received from Bishop Jeffrey Rowthorn re: 2003 LFF.

11:30 am - break for lunch

1:00 pm - reconvene, began with a short discussion on convening a subcommittee on formation

Return to agenda, discussion of proposed fast days for LFF

Questions posed: What is fasting for? Penance? Preparation? Further study recommended.

Names proposed for Lesser Feasts and Fasts

C012 - Origen - ecumenically problematic, no local commemoration. Why was he proposed? The language in the referred resolution indicates GC "recommends" Origen to be added - referred to LFF subcommittee for further exploration.

C027 - Dorothy Day - until she is recognized in her own faith tradition, should she be recognized in ours? Does this bear further investigation of local practice by proposing diocese? Has enough time passed? Bp. Waldo moves that we postpone indefinitely consideration of Dorothy Day for Lesser Feasts and Fasts, Ellen Johnston second, passed by acclamation.

C046 - Appleton Deaconesses - The SCLM affirms that there is a local practice, and enough time has passed, but would a better option be to include all deaconesses, recognizing that they paved the path towards women's ordination? The Rev. Deacon Stan Baker will contact AED (Association of Episcopal Deacons) to gather more information.

C055 - Fr. Paul Wattson - Bp. Whalon moves that we reject, seconded by Bp. Lee, for several reasons. Rejection passed by acclamation.

C058 - The Rev. Frederick B. "Ted" Howden, Jr. - He does satisfy the criteria for heroic service, giving his life for his faith, historicity, and local observance. He is especially revered by military veterans. Because it's already passed by General Convention, no further action is required by SCLM. Susan Anslow Williams moves that he be added to calendar of commemoration, seconded by Paul Fromberg, passed by acclamation.

C065 - The Reverend John Edwin Culmer - Paul recommends that we try to find out more information - is there a local observance? Can Archives confirm that he's the first black deputy?

D012 - Dorchester Chaplains - In spite of heroic service, is the fact that one of the chaplains is Jewish problematic? Would a better course be to propose a commemoration of all military chaplains killed in the line of duty? Jim Turrell moves that we reject the Dorchester Chaplains, because of the criteria of holy baptism, seconded by Ellen Johnston. Bp. Whalon proposes an amendment to consider honoring them in another way and this amendment fails. The chair calls for a vote, resulting in rejection by acclamation.

Proposed additions, delivered via email to Chair Paul Fromberg

Peter Quire - recommend to proposer to furnish further information

Ida B. Wells Barnett - recommend to proposer to furnish further information

Season of All Saints - not supported by the SCLM

2:50 - break

3:20 - reconvene

The Rev. Juan Oliver presents his white paper: "Issues and Process for the Inclusion of Multicultural Materials in the BCP and the BOS," which is pursuant to A283, Multicultural Liturgies for Occasional Services.

Brainstorming ideas of people to add to the joint committee proposed by Juan. How to organize this group and get them started in their work?

C003 - Way of Light - Where and how did this liturgy develop? Does it contain mystagogical value? Are there Episcopal communities practicing this? Is there a more appropriate receptacle for it than the Book of Occasional Services? Bp. Lee moves to reject, Bp. Waldo seconded, no conversation, rejected by acclamation.

A219 - referred sections of the BOS -

Way of the Cross read-through, followed by editing.

Reception of Priest or a Deacon read-through, followed by editing.

5:15 pm - break

7:00 pm - reconvene

Began consideration of Prayer C edits consistent with the West Syrian structure as well as Paul Fromberg's proposed edits, followed by feedback and discussion, followed by Mark Childers' edits. BCP subcommittee will consider comments and present another draft.

8:20 - wrap up; highs and lows; review of tomorrow's goals, recess until tomorrow

Thursday, October 24, 2019

9:05 am - reconvene,

Set agenda and priorities for the day, brief discussion of General Convention roles/responsibilities.

Read through of Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows, discussion and feedback.

Read through of Restoration to Ordained Ministry, discussion and feedback.

Read through Consecration of Chrism apart from Baptism, discussion and feedback.

10:15 - break

10:25 - reconvene

Discussion of **A086** - is it possible/desirable to forward this to a Task Force? Is it possible to carry out any of this work without funding? Bishop Lee will confer with co-chair on SC on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons before any further action is taken.

A217 - Paul is a delegate to the Consultation on Common Texts and gave a short background on this body. Paul will write a report to the 80th General Convention summarizing SCLM conversation surrounding this resolution.

Policy and Evaluation Subcommittee -

What are the resolutions we need to send to GC80?

D040 - Status of Women Church Musicians - a survey has been compiled that will be sent to the women members of the Association of Anglican Musicians. Brief discussion regarding the background of this resolution, as well as detailing conversations with members of the academic church music community. This subcommittee is currently assembling a report to submit with bluebook report.

D046 - Expansive Language Liturgical Resources. Can we gather feedback via dioceses/bishops from parishes that are using these resources?

Re: guidelines for inclusive language - Policy/Evaluation will meet with a group from the TFLPBR during subcommittee time this afternoon.

Planning the work - how will each subcommittee move forward?

Report from the Task Force on Liturgical Translations from Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer Juan Oliver.

11:35 - break for lunch and subcommittee work. Will reconvene at 3:00 pm.

3:15 - Reconvene for subcommittee reports following time spent in subcommittee.

Policy/Evaluation -- heard TFLPBR's report on inclusive/expansive language after meeting together. Will meet once more with joint subcommittee on language to refine document.

BCP -- wordsmithed latest draft of Prayer C. Reviewed resolutions in process. Read through version of Prayer C, West Syrian, then the version of Prayer C containing fixed responses. Offered feedback. Voted to replace Creator God with "Source of our being" in the West Syrian option. The BCP subcommittee's intention is to offer both versions of Prayer C as options to General Convention.

BOS -- have set a timeline for work in response to A283 and are cultivating networks to connect with appropriate persons to partner in work.

Re: Church Planting Liturgies - are reviewing liturgies and currently considering the scope of this work. Developing a timeline to finish this work.

LFF -- are developing a resolution that responds to A065, outlining a process for a unified calendar of the church as well as criteria for inclusion. Continued conversation about a methodology for dividing the calendar into major feasts and minor feasts/Prayerbook feasts and expanded feasts.

Translation -- no report

Chair: Setting intentions for tomorrow - Are there resolutions the SCLM would like to take to GC80?

C028 - Amend Canon II.4 - Canonical permission to use resources from other parts of the Anglican Communion with the diocesan bishop's permission. Bp Lee moves to reject. Seconded by Bp Whalon. Resolution is unanimously rejected.

7:00 pm – Joint meeting with the TFLPBR

SCLM Chair Paul Fromberg called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Bid questions to start. TFLPBR Chair,

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, reviewed what the TF has been working on during this meeting. TF is divided into four groups:

Group 1: Seek and Receive and Evaluate liturgical resources; Establish principles for revision based on historical principles provided by SCLM, IALC work, as well as full communion partners. Draft is nearing completion and will be distributed. Transparency is a priority, and hope is to create a document both bodies can endorse and send to GC80 for endorsement

Group 2: Communications - working on a website for liturgical revision where documents can be submitted/posted; this group is also monitoring an email account established for this purpose

Group 3: Constitution and Canons - developing a list where canons pursuant to revision need to be edited

Group 4: Identifying portions of prayerbook that actually need revision. Has drafted a short statement on how TF imagines that revision may proceed. Intends to distribute church wide to allow church to respond. This group has also developed principles for inclusive/expansive language

TF is focused on three primary areas: Principles for revision, constitution and canons, principles for inclusive/expansive language

SCLM Chair Paul Fromberg detailed the work that the SCLM has done thus far, which is reflected earlier in these minutes. Paul emphasized the need for clarity, communication, and goodwill between the two groups.

Ruth detailed plans for soliciting submissions for new liturgical materials for the Book of Common Prayer. Indicated that the TF hopes to distribute the invitation together with the principles for liturgical revision. Hope that people will submit in their native language.

Reviewed TF website for New Resource Submissions.

Ended with member introductions/checkins.

Concluded at 8:03.

Friday, October 25, 2019

Began at 8:40 with Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families - In the Morning

Molly James (GC Office) explained the new format/method for submitting Blue Book Reports. The hard deadline for completed reports is December 1, 2020. This allows time for translation and publication. Anything requiring the attention of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution, and Canons should be passed along to that body by the summer.

Outstanding resolutions to consider:

B010 - Concerning the Service of the Church - Brief discussion and explanation. Thomas Alexander moves to reject, seconded by Bishop Waldo, rejected unanimously.

D065 - Use of Alternative Psalters in Public Worship - Brief discussion and explanation. Ellen Johnston moves to affirm, seconded by Bishop Lee, affirmed unanimously.

The chair bid any additional resolutions to send to GC80.

Paul proposes a seven week season of Advent. Brief explanation and rationale, followed by discussion. Not widely supported at this point, but there is interest in collecting resources and learning more.

Thomas Alexander proposes a Kyriale, a service music supplement in response to a perceived lack of service music resources.

10:00 am – break

10:15 am – reconvene

Continued conversation on whether or not to craft a resolution calling for a service music supplement. The consensus is that we're not quite ready for a resolution at this point, but will continue conversation.

Joshua Floberg proposes creation of a music subcommittee, but no broad support yet.

Susan proposes calling for the creation of formation documents (app. 750 words) from different cultures represented in the church regarding who is a saint, how they are honored by that culture, and how they function in the community's prayer life. This would be a supporting document in the blue book report.

The chair indicates future meeting dates. Next is Nov. 26 at 1:30 EST via Zoom. No meeting in December. Next meeting after that is Jan. 28 at 1:30 EST via Zoom.

Chair called for adjournment at 11:00 am, seconded by Ellen Johnston. Passed unanimously.