

Minutes SCLM May 2008 Federal Way, Washington

Present: Julia Huttar Bailey, Sandra Montes, Mildred Pierce, Frank Tedeschi, Ruth Meyers, Henry Louttitt, Caspar VanHelden, Jennifer Philips, Clay Morris, Ernesto Medina, Devon Anderson, Jessica Wilkerson, Greg Howe, Jeanine Otis, Carl MaultsBy.

Tuesday – 10 May 2008

Greg Howe reported for the Calendar Subcommittee.

- He passed out Calendar revision #6 and Collect revision #4.
- New hagiographies to be complete by December and to the SCLM before convention. Will not be in Blue Book but available on the web.
- Bishop Griswold revising the worst of LFF collects
- Appendix of names and prefaces to be ready by mid summer.
- Ruth Meyers to copy-edit the collects to match BCP style.

Concern was expressed as to the proper canonical presentation to deputies. Clay and Frank to speak to Sally (Minnesota) about this.

Sub-Com Suggests SCLM reaffirm decision to remove from Calendar and allow the people who might wish to propose it separately. **Louttitt moves, Medina seconds. Motion carried**
Howe reports on changes found in Calendar Revision #6.

Motion to add Marjorie Kemp name into Collect / Calendar / Hagiography. **Louttitt moves. Huttar Bailey seconds. Motion carried**

Motion to change name of Angelo **Guiseppe** Roncalli since he liked to say “I am your brother Joseph.” **Smith moves. Anderson seconds. Motion carried.**

The Commission offered Morning Prayer

The report of the Calendar Sub-Committee continued.

It was asked if the Collects would have a traditional option. The answer was yes and ready for our next meeting.

Jennifer asks that we please double check numbering of Epistles and that apocrypha titles put alternative names in parentheses Ezra(Esdras), Sirach, Wisdom etc.

Frank Tedeschi reports on Church Publishing Report

- We will talk more about deadlines tomorrow.
- Bios for LFF are well underway.
- Working with Office of Hispanic Ministries. Anthony has wanted to do a words-only songbook for Latinos and has taken lead with his committee including Sondra to explore this. Scale is a problem - small number/high unit cost.
- Working with World Library Pub., RC house, to piggy-back an edition of this for Church Publishing edition.
- Bilingual book of Gospels, if translation choices can be agreed, may be feasible. All readings would be a huge book 600+ pages.
- “Music By Heart” coming out for congs. wanting worship without paper. Clay has been working on this. By candlelight using texts is difficult, so this will help. Marilyn Haskell is general editor of this.
- Also new, Pat Malloy’s “Celebrating the Eucharist: A practical Guide for Clergy and Other Liturgical Ministers”. SCLM will receive copies. Includes Baptism. Another volume with Pastoral Offices and Triduum to follow. This one is endorsed by a prominent Roman Catholic, John Baldwin, SJ.

Clay Morris reports as the Liturgical Officer

- I am now the Officer for Spirituality and Worship, on 5th floor. Group at 815 is fabulous. New programmatic conversations between groups.
- Financial management is better than it has ever been, and much closer scrutiny on spending is happening. Susan Watson signs off on expenses for block grant for this committee’s work.
- Met with Church of Apostles to look at their model of Orthodox Anglican Eucharistic practice in wildly creative form.
- Paperless music project from Lower Manhattan has been wonderfully transformative in forming community quickly. Affiliation has been replaced by participation. All Saints Company is offering training workshops all over the place to teach this paperless songleading.

Huttar Bailey passed out “Daily Prayer” updated draft for Lent. Noon Day prayer was offered.

Anderson reports on “Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes”

- Devon gave the historical background for the project, from GenCon ’03 resolution through work of a writer, Lydia Huttar Brown, further theological work and new ingredients to fulfill what the original resolution intended and what Noel was asking for by Phoebe Petingell, Greg et al.
- This summer we will do some editing and revising before Fall meeting to send out to limited but targeted readers, including theologians.

The Commission worked through the document and made editorial changes.

MaultsBy suggests the following hymns for the document:

"Out of the Depths," Alan Hovahness, Peters Editions
"There Is a Balm in Gilead," William Dawson, Kjos Publishing
"Don't Give Up", Richard Smallwood, Bridge-Building Music
"I Love the Lord," Richard Smallwood, Rich-Wood Music & Bridge-Building Music
"He Won't Leave You", Richard Smallwood, Rich-Wood Music & Bridge-Building Music
"O God, Beyond All Praising" Richard Proulx, GIA Music
"We Fall Down," Donny McClurkin, Hal Leonard
"Search Me, Lord," _____, Martin & Morris Music

Greg Howe reports as the Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer.

Howe hands out a written report to be appended to the SCLM Blue Book report.

Ernesto Medina reports on the status of the translation of “*Changes*”

Medina reports that the situation continues to be a mess. He reported that a full status report was given to Casper. The question continues, “How was something paid without proper authorization.”

The issue for the Commission is the lack of editorial principles for translations of liturgical texts.

Ernesto Medina reports on budget request for next Convention.

- Medina gives background of the development of the block grant.
- We have three lines items related to us: Money for SCLM meetings, Block Grant, Office for Worship and Spirituality.
- Medina recommends that we create a budget request in line with MDG’s and other priorities of PB&F. Continue to use notes on how we practice inclusion in all our process. Assume request of \$100K, plus whatever a new project would cost.

Moved that we ask that the 815 Finance Office supply a detailed accounting of expenses against the Block Grant within one month. Medina, moved. Otis seconds. Motion carried.

Karen Ward (guest) made a presentation on the emergent church movement.

Her church sets out to make the church accessible culturally to nonchurched yet retaining treasures of tradition but translate them for the “spiritual but not religious”.

Anderson asked how can the SCLM be useful to the movement. Response was interchanges and cross-fertilization liturgically, as with APLM. Sharing principles of liturgical planning. More chances to mix with the liturgists of the established church. Would like to do some sort of emergent liturgy for the GenCon. We’re helping with the MDG service off-site already.

Angemergent Village set up near to GenCon for people to experience and learn from. We need a site close by.

The subcommittee on Calendar continued their report.

New proposed propers have been handed out along with collects and proposed proper preface choices. Please send any responses no later than June 15th to Jennifer or Greg.

Proposed revisions for extant LFF propers - deadline for comment August 30th. These have been sent out to everyone by Julia.

The report on “Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes” continued.

MaultsBy made additions to the music appendix.

“Search me Lord” composer is Thomas A. Dorsey

“We fall down” composer is Kyle Matthews

Consensus was made to use NRSV and BCP Psalter in the work.

Anderson would like Greg and Phoebe to finalize this document for the next meeting.

The following three discussions are needed at this point:

- Conversation about strategy for Gen Con to get a broad base of support.
- Conversation about recommendations about vehicle for publication.
- Conversation about what needs to happen with this work, beyond the changes we’ve made today, before it’s disseminated beyond SCLM?

Wednesday – 11 May 2008

Marilyn Salmon (guest) made a presentation on Anti-Jewish texts in our liturgies. Marilyn is a colleague, academic, priest, and friend of Devon; working with 2006 resolution on Anti Jewish texts in liturgical use. Professor at United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. Author of *Preaching Without Contempt*

Salmon leads the Commission in a bible study.

Steps forward: Consciousness raising similar to what we have done with inclusive language is needed. Amy Jill Levine, Jewish prof. of New Testament at Vanderbilt speaks of “hearing with Jewish ears”.

Resources:

Stanley Stowers *Rereading Romans* is helpful for rethinking that text.

Handout from Marilyn on resources - accessible, affordable, readable, available:

Joddock, Darrell, ed. *Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews & Judaism* Fortress, 2008. The ONE book to choose, great for forums, adult ed, preaching prep, etc. Has talking points, not narrowly denominational (tho Lutheran), talks about the land and nation of Israel and conflicts, case study on this by Peter Petit, world religions.

Boys, Mary C. *Has God Only One Blessing?*, Paulist Press, 2000 - very accessible and readable.

Salmon, Marilyn *Preaching Without Contempt: Overcoming Unintended AntiJudaism* Augsburg, 2006. Aimed at preachers. Hospitable. Why it matters, context, supercessionism, Phariseeism, John's Gospel, Passion stories, strategies for countering antiJudaism.

Lott, David, ed. *New Proclamation Year C, 2006-07, Advent-Holy Week* Fortress, 2006)

Allen, Ronald J. & Williamson, Clark M. *Preaching the Gospels Without Blaming the Jews* Westminster John Knox, 2004. - simple week by week things to watch and contexts - keep preacher from saying dumb things.

Preaching the Letters Without Dismissing the Law, Westminster
Preaching the Old Testament: A Lectionary Commentary, Westminster

Swanson, Richard W. *Provoking the Gospel of Matthew: A Storyteller's Commentary* (also books on Mark and Luke) Pilgrim Press 2007. Lovely, future possibilities taking for granted it's unacceptable to do this. Dramatizations, good storytelling, intergenerational, provocative.

Fredrikson, Paula & Reinhartz, Adele, eds. *Jesus, Judaism & Christian Anti-Judaism: Reading the New Testament after the Holocaust*, Westminster 2002 . Essays, an easy read.

Levine, Amy-Jill, *The Misunderstood Jew: the Church and the scandal of the Jewish Jesus*, Harper Collins, 2007. by a Jewish scholar who understands and likes Christians and is funny.

Groppe, Elizabeth T, "Holy Things from a Holy People," *Worship*, Sept., 2007, vol. 81, #5.

Cunningham, Philip A., & Arthur Starr, eds. *Sharing Shalom: A Process for Local Interfaith Dialogue between Christians and Jews*, Paulist 1998.

Rousmaniere, John, ed. Carpenter, James & Leon Klenicki, *Bridges to Dialogue: the story of Jewish-Christian Relations*, Ecumenical Office Episc. Church 1991

Carroll, James *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews*, Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

What are the next steps for the SCLM?

- A pamphlet after Blue Book by Forward Movement with Marilyn's talk, resource list, and some discussion questions for study or adult ed. Frank can initiate conversations with Dick Schmidt at once on this.
- Talk to ecumenical officer about presentation to House of Bishops.
- A children's education unit for youngers and olders (and Sunday School teachers) - get Morehouse division to work on this. Sharon Pearson is new Christian Ed staff person. Through Clay we might start conversation about this.
- Interacting with St. Bart's Center for Religious Studies. Videotape some sessions.
- Something directed toward Holy Week - canned bulletin statements, preacher's suggestions, Epi Life online bulletin inserts.
- Blue Book - why bother, why care, resources, questions, recommendations as to next steps.

Jennifer Phillips reports on the Reconciliation Project

Potentially 22 very diverse authors currently committed are producing, or have submitted, essays on the topic of Reconciliation rites and theology for the 21st century, to appear as a trade book from Church Publishing Inc. to come out as Prayer Book Studies V. This book is designed to stimulate conversation across the church preliminary to augmentation of Book of Common Prayer rites.

Continued discussion on Budget request.

We need to prepare a short narrative of our work this triennium and future plans relative to budgeting. Suggestion is made to ask for \$125K plus money for BOS project.

Phillips reminded the Commission of the budget conversation held in Memphis.

Motion: (1) request for a block grant for \$125K plus \$25 for Book of Occasional Services revision; (2) work on presentation so that it articulates the 3 funds from which our Commission works (meeting, project, program) (3) write a short narrative that links this triennium's work and projected future work with mission priorities of general Convention (4) that the document be forwarded to GenCon's funding mechanism and to Executive Council for their budget planning. Louttitt moved, Meyers seconded. Motion carried.

Caspar VanHelden reports for the General Convention Office at 815.

VanHelden speaks on the following topics:

- History of Commission budget. Just learning history.
- Tech support and communications at 815 is problematic.

Feedback from the Commission was given on the Anti-Racism training. It was done poorly and a waste of time.

Continued report on “Rachel’s Tears, Hannah’s Hopes.”

Discussion on the options and recommendation for publication vehicle of the project.

Strategy between now and Fall SCLM meeting. Phoebe has a list of targeted bishops, theologians, across church groups, plus those listed yesterday, to send this for reading and comment just to flag theological issues or contentious points or what needs strengthening to make it inviting and inclusive.

Devon will compile feedback for our meeting and editors can then make decisions and editors will report back. We want to send out a cleaned-up edition of the manuscript with this meeting’s comments incorporated. Please send any further comments within the week if you can, as well as recommendations for any one else for target group.

Devon will Gather remaining edits over next week. Hand to Phoebe and Greg to make new draft. Circulate to target group who respond by a deadline the editors set.

Clay will duplicate and mail materials as needed to target group in a nice bound hard copy so it doesn’t get circulated to others.

The Rachel resolution did call for an EOW volume to come out, with adoption materials separate. Actually “supplemental to Burial of a Child” is what it says.

Ernesto Medina reports on EOW:Daily Prayer.

The working group realized the Lent draft was better for ordinary time. New seasonal drafts are in process.

Discussion over some the text occurred.

A question about copyright was made. Medina to explore with Church Publishing.

Julia Huttar Bailey reports on the Adoption Rites

Huttar Bailey reports on the progress made by Shannon Cate on the current version.

Questions about the thrust of the introduction.

Discussion occurred over various aspects of the text.

Thursday – 12 May 2008

Continued discussion on Adoption Rites.

Phillips to rework the Collects and to add doxological endings to a good number.

Ernesto Medina reads the following email message from Bishop Burnett of Nebraska on behalf of the House of Bishops Theology Committee:

Just in case I don't get to call, here is the update. At our meeting in Washington, DC, last week, the Theology Committee delegated to three of us the task of writing a response to the General Convention resolution in question (on Open Communion). We intend to have a draft ready no later than December of this year, and hopefully by this fall we will have something to share with the SCLM for their response and comment--since the resolution asked us to consult with the SCLM.

Our response will be structured as follows: First, we plan to review and reiterate the relationship of Baptism and Eucharist, probably reaffirming the basic outlines from BEM (Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry). We will also acknowledge that the canons provide that only those who are baptized may receive communion. However, we will then review the history of the modern movement toward open communion--which we are discovering has roots in issues that are still pertinent to the theology of mission and the church--and suggest some creative ways in which this entire question might be reframed. This, in some form or other, will be the gist of our response.

Will you please report this to the SCLM, and let me know to whom we should convey our preliminary text when we have something ready to share?

*Thanks,
Joe*

The Committee on Music made its report.

Morris reports that the last activity was a survey to gather resources for new ways of doing church - responses slow and meager so far- half a dozen or so. The attempt to gather praise music that doesn't suck changed to praise music that only sucks a little - no agreement among praise music fans as to what is good. Music By Heart seems to be more the genre people in Episcopal Church wants.

Huttar Bailey asks for agenda items for our meeting in Omaha.

- Calendar
- Music
- Blue Book
- Rachel's Tears
- Adoption
- AntiJewish Prejudice
- Reconciliation update
- Daily Office
- Emergent Church BB report (prune from 4 page report we received)
- spreadsheet on resolutions
- Bishops Theology Committee report on Open Communion/visit mtng

Morris is happy to collate and format BB report as usual. He will also track down budget detail for projects; get web to identify Oremus contents; speak to Caspar about recovering 07 leftover balance; collate Rachel's Tears; work on Blue Book; work on music report.

Howe wants guidance on best practical way and format to offer the proposed propers. How to present LFF revision propers/collects- with old and proposed side by side?

A consensus was reached about the title for LFF - Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Lives of the Saints was the consensus.

Medina offers an project to try a different modality of congregations claiming authority for music without a music leader in a small town in Nebraska to make a video of this process.

The meeting adjourned with a song.