

Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music: Joint CCAB Meeting, Nov 12-15, 2012

Meeting Location: Marriott St Louis Airport

Members in Attendance:

Voting Members

- The Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers, Chair
- Mr. John Repulski, Vice-Chair
- Dr. Derek Olsen, Secretary
- The Rev. Dr. Paul Carmona
- The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely
- Br. Christopher Hamlett, O.P.
- Ms. Ana Hernandez
- The Rt. Rev. Steven Miller
- The Rev. Dr. Louis Weil
- The Rev. Canon Sandye Wilson (who was split between 2 meetings)

Non-Voting Members

- The Rev. Amy Chambers Cortright (Representative of the President of the House of Deputies)
- The Very Rev. Chris Cunningham (Liaison of Executive Council)
- Ms. Nancy Bryan (Liaison with Church Publishing)
- The Rev. Angela Ifill (Staff)
- Dean William Petersen (Consultant/Liaison with CCT)
- The Rev. Canon Gregory Howe (Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer)

Excused Absences

- Mr. Dent Davidson
- Mr. Drew Nathaniel Keane
- The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
- The Rev. Canon Sandye Wilson (who was split between 2 meetings)

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Session 1: Tuesday, November 13, 9:00 AM

Orientation to the CCABs presented by the General Convention Office.

Session 2: Tuesday, November 13, 1:00 PM

First meeting of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Triennium.

It was decided by group consensus that the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair would wait until Wednesday morning. However, Derek Olsen was appointed Secretary.

The first discussion disposed of lingering old business—the minutes from the final meeting of the previous triennium had never been posted or formally adopted. As a result, the group decided that the minute-approving process would not happen by direct vote for adoption. Rather, the meeting minutes would be posted and members would have two weeks to look over the minutes and recommend any changes. At the end of that time and once all emendations were agreed upon, the minutes would be considered approved.

Review of Resolutions from General Convention

The next activity was taking a look at all of the resolutions from General Convention that had been referred to our Commission.

A048: Action is to concur [passed as is]--Congregational song

A049: Action is to concur--SSB

[A050: taskforce on marriage--not ours to do although there may be some overlap]

A051: Action is to concur--continued trial use of HWHM

A052: Action is to concur--identify additional church commemorations

A053: Refer to CCAB [not authorized] honoring God in creation

[A054: Animal liturgies--not referred back to us, authorized to 'make available']

A055: Action is to concur--Authorize Daily Prayer for all seasons

A056: Action is to concur--continued work on the Book of Occasional Services

A058: Action is to concur--continuing to address Christian Anti-Judaism

A060: Action is to concur--continuing work on adoption of children [needs rework from the standpoint of the subcommittee]

A061: Refer to CCAB--Amend canon 2.2 [Dealing with translations of Scripture--specifically about what the criteria are for inclusion

[Greg Howe--we need to pass some sort of ruling that prevents people from ambushing the floor of General Convention with their pet Scripture translation. A timeline might be a good option.

Steve Miller--we need guidelines for Scripture translations in Spanish and other languages as well.]

A076: Referred to every CCAB--Strengthen small congregations

[Questions were raised about how this applies.

B025: Referred back to CCAB--Refer alternate (HWHM) collects to SCLM

C013: Refer to CCAB--Add Whiting Griswold to HWHM

C053: Refer to CCAB --Add Artemisia Bowden

C070: Refer to CCAB --Add Hiram Hisanori Kano to HWHM

C090: Refer to CCAB --Add Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, George W. Foote, and Edward N. Goddard to HWHM

C106: Refer to CCAB --Add William Bowtie Bill White to HWHM

C112: Refer to CCAB --Add Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander to HWHM

D056: Refer to CCAB --Revise commemoration for Emily Malbone Morgan

D060: Referred to CCAB--Planning for making liturgical resources freely available on Any Device or Platform

D079: Referred to CCAB--Provide Electronic availability of Liturgical Resources

D088: Refer to CCAB --Add Dag Hammarskjold to HWHM

Upon looking over the body of resolutions and with the weight of the official deadline for our Triennium Action Form (set for 9 PM Wednesday), we opted to proceed thus:

- We need a plan.
- We need to lay out our meetings
- We need to request a budget (in that order)

Ruth suggested that a broader big-picture discussion on where we were going on authorized liturgical resources and how that fed into the process of prayer book revision would be helpful. We create and authorize all sorts of resources—but how do they fit into the overall scope of the liturgical life of the church? John recommended that we review our mandate again. We did so. Chris noted that there is nothing in the mandate to do anything with or about the BCP except the collection of materials—the mandate does not say that our work has anything to do with altering the prayer book. Ruth noted that that also didn't answer the question about the relation of our other work to the BCP.

We took a break which was followed by a song together led by Ana.

On our return, we categorized resolutions concurred or referred to us under 6 major groups:

- HWHM
- BOS Updates/additions
- Electronic publication of materials
- Same Sex Blessing/Marriage taskforce area
- Congregational Song Area
- Other
 - Anti-Judaism
 - Biblical Translation

Coming out of this discussion was the realization that nothing had occurred on the publication front since General Convention. Both Daily Prayer and the Same-Sex Blessing liturgies needed further action but nothing had occurred. This had been the job of the liturgical officer—to shepherd materials to publication in the interim between General Convention and the reorganization of the CCABs—but that position was abolished in the budget-cutting measures of 2009. We designated this a “parking lot issue” but an important one. Tom suggested an implementing clause that could be inserted into General Convention resolutions to direct publication action in the interim between Convention and the CCAB reconstitution.

Discussion on the Nature of Common Prayer

We then turned to a more general discussion of common prayer. Ruth noted that following the rise of the printing press, the Bible and BCP were all that was needed. That combination took the central place of what it meant to be Anglican/Episcopal. Now we have a host of new opportunities given the profusion of new technologies—what now is common prayer for the Episcopal Church in the 21st century that enlivens our communities of faith? Greg added that for 400 years, there was one way and one book that was necessary and sufficient. That's no longer the case; we have 8 or 9 that are more or less useful in different places. There's frustration in the English-language areas and terrible problems in the Spanish and French-speaking areas. Steven expressed thanks for Ruth's description but added another element, the framework of orthodoxy. There's a difference between experimental prayer and free prayer and the prayer of the church as catechetical and formational. The BCP may not be the one sufficient book any longer but there are several essential key elements of faith that we have to emphasize alongside it. Derek noted that he saw the prayer book as, among other things, a contract between the laity and the clergy. Without the prayer book as a given, the laity are often at the whim of the clergy and are asked to accompany the clergy on their spiritual journey regardless of the needs and direction of the congregation. While there should be room for openness, the BCP should be the central

service. Greg reminded us that the BCP is a canonical document as well. Chris added that it is constitutional as well, requiring two GCs to amend. Louis agreed and was sympathetic to Derek's view given his experience of the wide diversity of practice he encountered in England.

John referred back to the Presiding Bishop's opening remarks about keep our eyes on the wider view. This is half music and half liturgy—we have to keep music in the conversation as well. There's an explosion of new music in the Episcopal Church as well as new liturgy. He expressed his disappointment that consensus of the hymnal survey was not to proceed. What he's discovering is a growing polarization between those who want to preserve the hymnal and those who would like more expansive material. The authorized resources are not exclusive.

Ana raised the issue of how we issue permission and encourage people to create liturgies without making them jump through hoops. How do we encourage beautiful new liturgies? Steven replied that it happens in conversation with the bishop. The prayer book is like jazz—you have to know the scales first before you can improvise. More people want to shape the church than to be shaped by Jesus and the church. There will always be local experimentation, but we've not always accomplished the necessary prior work of formation. Ana noted that wasn't always the case though. Louis offered an experience where an agenda-driven experimental service after a pastoral crisis made things even worse. Ana concluded by reminding us of the need to remain open to the movement of the Spirit.

BREAK

Sizing the Body of Work

We decided that it was important to keep a list of work that had to be accomplished by the end of the meeting but to defer working on that until we understood the full scope of the work for the triennium and had a complete list of things requiring immediate action.

We began looking at HWHM. This remains very big. The 125 or so commemorations added in 2006 were never fully evaluated. Final adoption of those commemorations has been deferred (per A051) until 2015 to allow review. The male/female ratio is still roughly that of Lesser Feasts & Fasts which needs to be addressed per A052. Greg noted that we had asked various women's group eight years before for names for inclusion—every one they gave us had been included. Another issue is that the connection between the propers and the narratives need to be checked. Too, the new commemorations passed new propers and to be circulated. Nancy said that rather than reissuing the volume, they'll be put up as a pdf on the Church Publishing site.

Skipping down now to electronic publications. Ruth noted that these were not adopted/concurred but were referred to us. Our obligation is not necessarily action but reporting back on feasibility. Ruth explained that these arose from a real angst at General Convention from those on the committee and those in the gallery that materials from 2006 were not made available online as they had expected. Ruth noted that we needed to move on it while recognizing the business needs of Church Publishing. Derek identified this as a big project but with discrete medium-sized parts.

Congregational Song is a big project. John said that there was a lot of work in the previous triennium around world music. There were two main outgrowths: 1) an immediate need for Province IX [Spanish-language] resources that began with 15 pieces from El Hymnario put on YouTube. 2) the Everybody

Sings event that gave church musicians exposure to other kinds of music. A connection with the Leadership Program for Musicians can be brought in here as well.

For Same-Sex Blessings, the major work is the “evaluate” portion. Developing theological resources, including diverse theological perspectives, gathering responses from the Anglican Communion and our ecumenical partners will be big.

The Book of Occasional Services Is a very big project with some important sub-elements. Ruth said that Daily Prayer was almost done—it just needs discussion on translation and publication. The liturgies for the adoption of children is medium-sized; honoring God in creation is small—it needs a little more work and we need to determine where it should go next. Gregory reminded us that the overhaul of the BOS has been a dangling project for the last two decades.

The Anti-Judaism work was determined to be medium-sized as was the discussion on biblical translations.

We subsequently broke for dinner. Derek typed up a the list of tasks and posted it to the extranet.

Session 3: Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 PM

The first order of business was editing and rearranging the task/priority list.

Setting Tentative Meeting Schedule for Budget Purposes

Formerly a budget was assigned to us. Not this triennium, though. In years past we knew how much we would have and could plan meetings accordingly. Under this version, we need to put together the best plan we can, following past experience. John recommended that last triennium’s four meetings were the minimum that we could do and still accomplish good work. Gregory suggested three meetings for progress and work with a fourth meeting to prepare for the next General Convention’s Blue Book. The fourth meeting is vital because people are bringing in different sections of work from all parts of the compass and the work as a whole is not seen from all angles until that time. Ruth recommended that we go through the major work areas and rough out a work plan.

As a Commission as a whole we decided that we needed to meet in the Spring of 2013, the Spring of 2014, and the Fall of 2014.

Work on Holy Women, Holy Men will mostly be done over the phone but a new subcommittee will need to meet face-to-face at least once.

There was quite a bit of discussion around the BOS/EOW materials and analyzing exactly what we were being asked to do. The BOS itself has several parts that will require different subcommittees. Gregory reminded us that this topic has been on the table for the last twenty years; if we want to do a serious job of presenting the church with something it can use, it won’t all come together in the space of three years! Ruth noted that the language of the resolution was for “substantial” revision. In the end, it was decided to do a number of smaller meetings with an overall convener. One face-to-face meeting to kick things off would need the full group of nine or ten. Then six other 3-person overnight meetings would work on the discrete elements. A final meeting with the original 9 or 10 would close it out.

No meetings were needed for electronic publishing—that can be done over the phone and with web meetings.

Much discussion was needed around the SSB work and meetings required. Some face-to-face meetings will be necessary to engage consultants to ensure a diverse range of theological responses. The key tasks to accomplish here are further engagement with Scripture and systematic theology, and developing an open process for the entire resource from diverse sources and ecumenical partners. Gregory wanted to draw our attention to revision of the “Concerning the Service”—it must be more substantial than it currently is. In particular, the preface for the marriage service in Common Worship would be instructive. A subcommittee will be necessary for the review process, and another two meetings just for the theology group. Tom recommended an April meeting for the review process. Ruth suggested 2 face-to-face meetings between SCLM people and consultants. One lead consultant could be paid \$5,000 who would also serve as part of the subcommittee.

Moving on to music, John suggested that for a taskforce of this magnitude, we’d need 12 people. Developing a plan would be the first meeting, evaluating it would be the second, then coalescing the resources would be the third. The world music project would be a part of this. Steven asked for clarification on this piece. John replied that we were trying to develop a supplement for world music but it had become contentious particularly around the issue of including praise music. Angela asked if there were clear criteria for inclusion; John said that the criteria they had received from the previous working group had been a bit blurry but was roughly two-thirds done. We noted that this section of work might be a good candidate for a Constable grant.

Louis said that the Anti-Judaism work would not need any face-to-face meetings. Within the RCL there are some particularly difficult passages. He hoped to draft some commentary in advance of those passages, put them in lectionary order, then post them on the blog and circulate them further if possible. Bill suggested that they could be put on the CCT website as well as there is a lot of interest there in educating against anti-Judaism.

The Bible translation work could be done in web meetings and over the phone.

Moving on to the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation. The representation includes but is not limited to members of provincial liturgical committees. We are planning to budget for some people to attend this as part of the consultation process.

We ended with Compline for Ordinary Time from Daily Prayer For All Seasons.

Session 4: Wednesday, November 14, 9:00 AM

Ruth was nominated as the chair and was duly elected.

John nominated as vice-chair and was duly elected.

The secretary informed the secretariat of the election.

Report from Consultation on Common Texts

Bill then updated us on the Consultation on Common Texts. He gave a list of the churches involved and informed us that it was the 20th year anniversary of the Revised Common Lectionary. There's a new annotated edition of the lectionary out now. It has much better layout and labeling than the former edition. Fortress is the publisher. The Commission had given Bill one major item to take to the CCT—our concerns about Christian anti-Semitism/anti-Judaism. Two things were already in place in response to this issue: 1) a statement appeared in the lectionary volume itself noting the dangers of Christian anti-Judaism and that the lectionary had taken this into account in its creation. If anything more had been said, then it could only have been included in the form of footnotes and all agreed that this matter is too important to be left to footnoting. They're much more open to timely productions of cautions and interpretations that would counter such abuse and the CCT website would be happy to put those up. 2) The CCT has received petitions from various churches to produce a fourth year cycle with the Johannine text (which would exacerbate the problem), but they have resisted these requests and anti-Judaism is one of the major reasons.

Ruth noted that this can be a major issue during Holy Week and at other times when the scribes and the Pharisees are portrayed as the “fall guys.”

Bill did raise a substantive concern—the Episcopal Church played a major role in the construction of the RCL and put its presence on the line by insisting on track 2. One of the things that he had to report back was the passing of B009 which allows parishes to retain the BCP lectionary given permission from the diocesan. This is an ecumenical offense, and Bill sought a proper way to couch the news. Gregory noted that some readings are too long when used in a Eucharistic context (as opposed to other ecumenical partners in non-Eucharistic contexts and who may pick only one or two from the full set), and that some end at odd places. Ruth raised musical issues around the psalms—the verse choices are different and some of our settings no longer work. Steven pointed to larger theological issues like the choice of readings at All Saints; Year B offers readings appropriate to a commemoration of the faithful departed rather than the Feast of All Saints, blurring the two. He has also noted some issues with the readings during Holy Week. The idea of a fixed Gospel for the Vigil and a rotating one for Easter makes sense but this is flipped in the RCL. The tracking is difficult for bishops who are in different churches every Sunday especially considering that there has not been good education around the nature of the two tracks. Bill reiterated that we didn't want to signal a backing-off of our ecumenical commitments. Ruth reminded us that at the same time this passed, we also voted to amend the internal pages of the BCP to reflect the RCL readings of Holy Week. Tom also emphasized that he saw the legislation as allowing alternatives from time to time, not moving back to the BCP as a norm—it wasn't a precise debate. Steven said that priests he'd spoken to weren't as enamored of it now as they once had been and that formation remains an issue. The idea of an article for an electronic resource was brought up. Ruth noted that the resolution was passed late in Convention when there was a push to move through legislation. Paul found in his notes from the legislative committee that the ecumenical angle had come up and that some deputies had voted not to concur on account of that but it had passed any way. The concomitant changes to the internal pages of the BCP seems to be a strong signal that we're not backing away, and it was noted that a timely press release reminding the church of the Holy Week changes would be a good idea.

Discussion on Publication and Translation with Christopher Barajas (Daily Prayer-focused)

At this point Christopher Barajas who works with translation at the General Convention Office entered to answer some questions about the translation and publication processes. Introductions were made.

Ruth stated that the main purpose of the discussion was to talk about Daily Prayer for All Seasons (DPfAS). The work was substantively completed and an initial Spanish translation had occurred. Nancy said that Church Publishing was waiting on us to begin working and mentioned that an app might be a good way to publish it. Ruth asked what the formal process was for moving forward with publication. Ana wondered why the Spanish wasn't being published side-by-side. Ruth said that was a good question that would be addressed once the preliminary procedures were nailed down. Chris Barajas said that the General Convention Office typically used memoranda of understanding with CP. They establish a framework and timeline for camera-ready documents. Ruth raised the point that since DPfAS had been concurred by convention it was out of Convention's hands. Nancy said that it had passed to Church Publishing at that point but that the model could be revisited. The location of copyright ownership was a big piece of the puzzle. Ruth emphasized that our concerns was to get material passed by General Convention published as authorized and to identify whether General Convention or Church Publishing would accomplish this. Christopher Barajas said that he envisioned a publication certification committee that would certify the text with authorized changes. Tom reminded us that the liturgical officer would have done this in the past, but that there was now no one authorized to do it.

A preliminary motion was made:

Motion: Move that we authorize the chair and her designees to approve the changes and the text for publication of DPfAS and to work with the General Convention Office and Church Publishing to publish this material ASAP in English and Spanish. [Second]

Ruth said that the main piece of work remaining was the Spanish translation. The big piece that needs to be done is that the translator decided it was more culturally appropriate not to translate the hymns and to put new choices in but she made those decisions on her own. There are some bilingual people on that team who would be good consultants, but some management is necessary there. Another issue is copyright; it must be held by Church Publishing because DPfAS uses a wide variety of copyrighted materials. Nancy was asked about the copyright relationships. She replied that the commission as an agency of the church and an interim body of the General Convention has some limitations in its ability to accept royalties. As a result, Church Publishing had to hold the copyrights. However, there is no consistent policy between the DMFS and CP—in the past it has been a handshake/gentleman's agreement rather than a formal document. Angela noted that this conversation shows that it is important for a real conversation to occur, particularly as the office that had that handshake is no longer around. Ruth committed to speaking to the General Convention Office about this.

Turning to the issue of French-language publication, Christopher stated that the General Convention Office is still looking for partners on French-language translation because of the different kinds of French needed. Tom asked if there wasn't a standing resolution directing tri-lingual publication. While there is, it does not provide any resources for such work—that will be at our cost. Gregory mentioned that he and Ruth had drafted a document on translations into Spanish and French which would be posted to the extranet. When it comes to French, we need to consider Continental French, Haitian French as well as the needs of franco-phone Africa. Bp. Whalon may be a good contact in this regard.

We then discussed waiting on publication until we could produce a facing page bilingual Spanish-English edition. Anan noted that something special happens when both texts are presented together—it would signal a huge welcome to Spanish-speaking Episcopalians. Gregory agreed especially given the number

of bilingual people coming into the church who are used to having such material in front of them. In response, Tom suggested an amendment so that the motion would include the possibility:

Motion: Move that we authorize the chair and her designees to approve the changes and the text for publication of DPFAS, to encourage the possibility that this be a bilingual publication, and to work with the General Convention Office and Church Publishing to publish this material ASAP in English and Spanish. [Second]

Motion is voted upon and passes unanimously.

In speaking about French, John reported that the resolution from 2002 used the word “consider” regarding French publication. Ruth suggested a publication subcommittee that would work with the General Convention Office and Bp. Whalon to consult for suitable translators given the need for Haitian and African use. Steven brought up that Creole is more common than French in Haiti—Ana noted that it might cost less to do both French and Creole. Louis maintained that the necessary first step was communicating with the Diocese of Haiti to determine who they felt we should proceed.

Then we took a break. During the break, Ruth held further conversation with the General Convention Office personnel about translation.

When we reconvened, Ruth informed us that we would need to modify the resolution we had passed previously—the General Convention Office had directed that we not work through them for translation work. Essentially, once material has been passed by General Convention, it is out of their hands. We will have to come up with translation funds ourselves, but Ruth suggested using the remaining funds in the program budget from the previous triennium. We discussed again the gap between the powers of General Convention Office and the SCLM given the gap between Convention and the commission’s reconstitution.

Discussion on Publication and Translation with Gregory Straub (Daily Prayer-focused)

At this point Gregory Straub entered to help clarify issues around translation.

Gregory S. informed us that his staff had been reduced almost in half since taking office; he doesn’t have the staff time to put out publications other than those require by canon. It's a matter of resources. Tom laid out the situation: the intention of General Convention was to publish the material. However, the system couldn’t respond to General Convention as his office couldn’t do it, the commission didn’t exist, the DFMS position had been eliminated, and Church Publishing couldn’t publish it on their own. Gregory S. agreed that Church Publishing is the canonical publisher of General Convention but that their work is not the perfection of texts and the SCLM did not canonically exist from the end of General Convention until reformed at this gathering. Furthermore, a commission cannot create a body that binds its successor body. This is an unforeseen consequence of the cutbacks in 2006. John asked if we are empowered to pass materials on to Church Publishing for publishing. Gregory agreed that our role is to certify texts authorized by General Convention. John then followed up on the copyright question. Nancy reiterated that the standing commission cannot receive royalties as an entity of General Convention which is historically why Church Publishing has held them. The General Convention Office holds the copyright on our materials, but not the liturgical works approved by convention. Gregory H. suggested that a way around the problem might be solved by tying the publication process to the Custodian of the Prayer Book since that position endures during the “dead space.” Tom wondered if a canon change to

allow the previous commission to run out the calendar year might be a good idea. Gregory H. noted that, contrary to the belief of many, budgets continue to the end of the calendar year. Gregory S. offered the General Convention website as a publications site for perfected texts like the SSB material mandated by Convention. Before letting Gregory S. go, a clarification was requested on the question of Spanish and French. He informed us that at the last minute, at the 2003 General Convention it became mandatory that all texts and websites be translated into Spanish and at the last minute French was added. There was no funding. There is no obligation to do something that's not funded. It is a hugely expensive proposition to translate everything into Spanish—adding French would be twice as much. Just the translation into Spanish is staggering. Even if it were canonical but unfunded, it is not possible.

As a result of the conversation, the motion was revisited and revised:

Motion: Move that we authorize the chair and her designees to approve the changes and the text for publication of Daily Prayer for All Seasons, to encourage the possibility that this be a bilingual publication, and to work with Church Publishing to publish this material ASAP in English and Spanish.

Passed unanimously.

Ana asked if we could pursue translations into French and/or Creole if translators could be found by the end of the year. After clarifying with Angela that translation work had been billed ahead in the past, an additional resolution was moved:

Motion: Move to empower the chair to investigate the possibility of using funds from the 2012 program budget to cover the costs of translation of DPFAS into French.

Creole was not added because of the difficulty of meeting the timing deadline.

Motion passes unanimously

[Song break]

On the Timely Publishing and Dissemination of “I Will Bless You...”

Turning to the issue of SSB and the timeline in the General Convention resolution to make the materials available by Advent 1 of 2012, Tom read out a motion he had written. Steven suggested that the phrase “approved by General Convention” be changed to “adopted by General Convention.” We also agreed by consensus to add the one-page summary of theological principles to the rite itself. Nancy offered the services of the Church Publishing site for downloads. If something lives on Church Publishing it can be a free download but it's housed on the Church Publishing site and its authority is established there. The concern was to keep the material free, but to retain control over the contents and not make it public domain.

Motion: Move that the SCLM authorize the chair and her designees to certify the final version of I will bless you and you will be a blessing including the liturgy adopted by General Convention resolution A049 for provisional use "the witnessing and blessing of a life-long covenant" and further that the chair and her designees immediately begin working with Church Publishing Inc to publish this material as soon as possible including an approved online available edition of the liturgy and the one-page summary of theological principles utilizing the General Convention website and the website of the Episcopal Church

in order to make this resource available by Advent 1 2012 and further that the chair issue a press release on behalf of the SCLM through the Episcopal Church office of communications alerting the church to the availability of the liturgy online.

In the discussion of the motion, Ruth stated that the portions of A049 that make its proper use “subject to the ecclesiastical authority” front and center. Steven added that we should also include in the press release when we expect the full document to be available. Tom didn’t include mention of languages other than English because we are mandated to make at least part of it available as quickly as possible. Ana recommended that the joint press release should also state when we expect the Spanish and French versions to be available.

Motion passes unanimously

Looking for general guidance, Ruth suggested that the text of A049 and A050 be included in the appendix without the line-edits. Steven suggested that retaining the edits shows that this is a working document; it is a provisional rite and the church still remains on a journey in this regard. Other resolutions enabling the work should also be included there to make a full collection of legislation related to it.

We examined some explanatory material that Ruth had added around the change from “same-gender” (the original language of the proposed liturgy) and the line-edited “same-sex” mandated by the resolution. It was decided that all occurrences of “different-gender” be amended to “opposite sex” so as to better embody the spirit of the resolution. Making one set of changes without the other would create an odd disconnect in the terminology throughout the document.

We then broke for lunch.

Session 5: Wednesday, November 14, 1:00 PM

On Official Liaisons with other Liturgical/Musical Organizations

After lunch we turned to the topic of official liaisons with other bodies. First up was the International Anglican Liturgical Commission. Louis gave us some history on the group as he was one of the founding members and noted that it's a very important group to maintain inter-Anglican awareness. Ruth explained that it's a unique body within the Anglican Communion. It has scholars from *Societas Liturgica* and members are invited from all provinces. Tom and Ruth went last time to present our work on the SSBs. Tom said that the presentation was solid but a little tense. The work was presented so that they could understand and respect it even if they didn't agree. Ruth, Tom, and Louis agreed that this was a natural way to circulate our work in the Communion and get feedback.

The Anglican Churches in America is another informal group. They were supposed to have a meeting last winter but it didn't occur; there are efforts to do it next Spring. The secretary of the church in Mexico have proposed dates in March/April and are waiting to hear from the primates on that. There's money available for people to go to that.

Leadership Program for Musicians is a group started in the '90s. Modeled after EFM, it was originally intended for musicians serving small parishes. In 2003 it became so large that it collapsed on itself. The current incarnation is smaller and much more Episcopal although there are some Lutherans as well. The

ELCA has a staff person on it and they'd like the connection with us. John offered to serve as a liaison. The only cost for involvement is sending a representative. This could be something to cut if funding doesn't come through or, alternatively, could be an opportunity to collaborate with the Standing Commission for Small Congregations. John and Tom will go and have a conversation with them about this possibility.

We then began discussing possibility for our SCLM plenary meetings. Consensus settled around either April 16-19 or 21st-24th. The West Coast may be an option. Adobe Connect training will occur in January enabling us to meet in February/late January for a couple of hours. We settled on January 23rd at 12:30 PST/3:30 EST.

Moving to the four major areas with budget implications, we decided to break out into two sections of four groups: first HWHM/BOS-EOW, then SSB/Congregational Song.

[Breakout groups occurred. Meeting back in plenary we received report from the subgroups]

Breakout Report on BOS/EOW Materials

BOS/EOW subgroup report:

- Tom will contact Devon Anderson to talk about status and work the liturgies on adoption
- Tom will talk to Jennifer Phillips on the status and work of the creation liturgies
- Budget request of \$35K
- Name the working group: Christopher, Tom, Amy, Greg, Chris from the SCLM; Jennifer and Devon would be good to include, Bishop Prior of MN; Pheobe Pettingil; need someone from Province IX, an African American from Province IV?
- Prepare a survey--Tom will talk to Kirk Hadaway as a resource for that.
- Based on the budget change the working plan accordingly.
- Complete and tabulate the survey
- Clarify and articulate the rationale for the BOS--book, library, both? What does it mean to have authorized resources used on an occasional basis?
- We have two goals
 - To have by the time the blue book goes to print at least a proposed TOC for the BOS where we have determined what we will keep as is, what we keep with revision, what we will keep, what we will add.
 - Complete the revisions and make recommendations for action on the liturgies for adoptions and creation liturgies.

Conversation with Gay Jennings on Budgeting

At this point, Gay Jennings came in and we put the subcommittee reports on hold for a conversation with her. She noted that we are operating under major budget constraints and advised us to consider what part of our work could qualify for a Constable grant. Ruth asked what recommendations she had in our budgeting—should we be parsimonious and only ask for what we feel is necessary with the hope that it will be funded, or build in more excess which can be trimmed if the full funding doesn't come through. Gay said, "Liturgy and Music is central to our tradition--it's not something extraneous. General Convention has directed certain things that have to get produced. You should produce a budget that lays out what you need. Do it as carefully and economically as possible. Break it up into the various projects. If the funding doesn't come, then some of the work may have to be deferred until funding

appears. Then we can ask the question about other sources of funding. I'd rather see quality work on fewer projects than half-assed work on lots of projects. Actions have consequences--if you don't get the funding you need, then some things may not get done." Tom asked which area might work best for a Constable grant. Gay agreed that the Congregational Song area had real promise for a Constable. She reminded us that the funding number from Executive Council will be the lump sum, not a line-item. It'll be your responsibility to figure out where the money will go. Changing the subject, Gay asked that we provide a couple of names for the theology of marriage taskforce as she'd like to get that named by the end of the year. Tom also brought up the previously identified publication gap issue. He mentioned the two options that we had discussed—either enabling legislation through the Custodian of the Prayer Book or aligning the Commission terms with the budget cycle and the year's end. Gay recommended working with Constitutions and Canons to remedy this.

Gay left and we proceeded on with subcommittee reporting

Breakout Report on HWHM

Report from Subcommittee on HWHM

- Work Plan:
 - Clarify the intent of the work
 - Review of the existing resource
 - Adding women in particular, looking in a global way, working on the propers for them
 - Reviewing the names referred and materials associated with them
 - Assessing the trajectory of the work

- Initial conversation needs to happen at the January call and get a subcommittee to work on review of the names. The should bring the names in April and make a proposal for what we're going to keep or let go of. The harder work is reviewing the collects and propers, etc. The subcommittee should meet to discuss its work sometime in May or June of 2013. Another subcommittee may review the set of commemorations in the B-D resolutions

Ruth wondered if a Constable grant might be useful for bringing in a consultant to assure coherence between the narratives and propers. Translation isn't even in the picture yet which will be another huge undertaking.

Then we broke out to discuss SSB and the Congregational Song taskforce. This took us up to the break for dinner

Session 6: Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 PM

Since the Chair was consulting with another Commission, John opened the after-dinner session and we began with reports from the break-outs before dinner.

Breakout Report on SSB

Report from Subcommittee on Same-Sex Blessings

- Responding to A049, three things needed to happen:
 - Assemble a more diverse and comprehensive theological response

- Assessment of how the materials are doing in the church--how we give others an opportunity to assess it
- Work of the subcommittee and making a report back
- Ruth said she would write to the EC bishops whether it's been authorized and if so, could they name a point person to gather responses on how it's going. A couple of follow-ups will be necessary.
- Feedback from the larger church; Ruth would ask Gregory Straub to write to the provincial secretaries to let them know the material was being launched and inviting response back. The subcommittee also asked Ruth to ask the Deputy for Ecumenical and Interfaith Collaboration, Margaret Rose, to contact ecumenical partners to let them know.
- CPI took the working document from GC, sent it to the layout/copy edit folks. There is a manuscript as close to pre-production as possible. This will be conformed to the certified text so that it's all ready to go. We should be able to meet the Advent 1 deadline. Print and e-book of the full-text will be available at least by the end of the year. The PB's office will be requested to contact the bishops and make sure that unauthorized versions are not being used.
- IALC will be solicited
- Invite 3 to 5 theologians from around the church to write in response to the theological resource. Add these to the theological resource at next GC. They would have some framework for doing this.
- Some of the contact people might be good people for the subcommittee.
- Marriage taskforce
 - Putting forward two names from the commission to be on that: Steven Miller and Louis Weil--hoping they'll take both names. We should formalize that at some point.

In response to the final point, we made a formal motion:

Motion: Move that the SCLM recommend that the presiding officers consider in their appointment to the special taskforce on marriage Bishop Steven Miller and Dr. Louis Weil as members.

Motion passed unanimously, Dr. Ruth Meyers absent

Breakout Report on Congregational Song

Report from Subcommittee on Congregational Song Taskforce

- Develop musical resources
- Empower leadership
- Continue the world music project

Identifying people is something that yet needs to be done. The conversation needs to determine how to address these key areas in the next triennium. We could do another Everybody Sings which could be funded from a grant.

During this time Ruth returned.

Budget Discussion

We turned to budget issues then. John noted that he would definitely like to do another Everybody Sings and that it might be a good prospect for a Constable grant. Ruth said that consultants on HWHM

would need to look over some 300 narratives that require work in varying amounts. An hour a piece seems reasonable. At \$50 per hour that'd be \$15k. For translation, these are about 300 words a piece and it's roughly \$.25 a word=\$22,500. John said that he'd like to put the Leadership Program for Musicians in the budget but wanted to check if the Standing Commission for Small Congregations might be able to help with that.

In terms of prioritization, John started us off with the basic axiom that we should finish things that we have already started and give them a higher priority than projects that have not yet been started. Tom agreed and noted that since we have to answer back to General Convention about SSB, it needs to have a major priority. By the same token, the BOS can be put at the lowest priority because the church won't stop without it. Music is a need. John agreed and noted that not a whole lot of resourcing had been going on. Steven agreed that Congregational Song and SSB should receive our highest priorities. Ruth summarized that SSB and Congregational Song receive our highest priorities and that HWHM and BOS would be medium.

Steven asked if the trajectory of HWHM was to replace LFF. Ruth concurred; Gregory chimed in that it is the new edition of LFF with a new name. Ruth asked about the smaller pieces. Daily Prayer for All Seasons is high because it's almost done and it makes sense to finish it. Louis said that the Christian Anti-Judaism material was pastorally important but doesn't require a budget. Ruth agreed. For biblical translations, Ana suggested that it could be lowest since bad translations tend to disappear; Derek disagreed noting that bad translations make churches disappear. Bad translations are often brought in as part of a larger package of theology and ideology to move congregations out of the Episcopal Church. Steven agreed and said that this had played a role in several of the departures that he'd seen. Furthermore, this will help answer critics who say the church doesn't take Scripture seriously—medium would be good.

Tom offered a parenthetical comment that Ann Watkins with the Constable grant program would be able to speak with us either now or at 10 AM the next morning—we opted for the next morning to buy more time.

Moving on to publications, Derek said that electronic publication of resources would be medium. Working with the Standing Commission on Structure regarding the publication of items after General Convention is high.

In terms of our liaisons, participation with the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation, Leadership Program for Musicians, and the Common Consultation on Texts are all medium priority.

Tomorrow's work will focus on the budgets, talk about the blog, talk with Ann on the Constable grants, then assign work between now and January.

The session concluded with Compline from Daily Prayer for All Seasons.

Session 7: Thursday, November 15, 9:00 PM

Constable Grant Discussion

We began with taking a few minutes to look over the materials for the Constable grant that were uploaded to the extranet. Ruth reminded us that the SSB and Congregational Song had been set as our

highest priorities. Tom suggested that the Congregational Song project had the most jazz to it. Chris noted that it is the most closely linked to Religious Education as well. We discussed which groups we might want to partner with on this including LPM, AAM, and RSCM. John noted that there are other smaller groups as well and that this program could assist in providing them with a united front.

We called Ann—here is the discussion as verbatim as possible:

Tom: Given the reality of budgeting, we think we have one that's a really good candidate--we'd like to share that with you and see what you think.

Ann: The only thing, of course, is that this conversation doesn't infer any grants.

Tom: John Repulski from our commission will describe a project, then have more conversation.

John: This project is the development of the taskforce for congregational song. Develop resources for the availability of more music to reflect the growing needs of the church. We also need to strengthen our leadership and music leaders. We have the objectives of developing new musical resources, develop skills in church musicians, and complete the world music project which we've begun. We'd like to have another Everybody Sings conference to bring people together to work on this. We have a budget of \$59k. Is this something that would work?

Ann: Yes...

John: What could we provide to help give clarity?

Ann: All GC resolutions with reference (not necessarily this triennium). The more they can link the to how people are formed will link it tighter to Constable. Don't stretch where there isn't a fit, but emphasize the legitimate matches.

Tom: Certainly music is formational in the life of the church and isn't a very big stretch.

Ann: I agree.

John: We'll develop more clarity on our objectives. We know that children and youth is very important to the grant and music is important to all Christians, how much do we need to play that out?

Ann: It certainly needs to be mentioned. Not entirely clear on the question.

John: How much weight should we put on it?

Ann: The breadth of the impact is a positive piece because it crosses generations and you do need to show how that happens.

Ann: Something like Rhythms of Grace, pointing to those things that are innovative and responsive to the multiple ways people engage is helpful.

Tom: I also heard you say something that the inter/multi-generational is important to highlight even more than just children.

Ann: Yes, that's right, the intergenerational and breadth is an important piece because your proposing something that impacts the whole church not just a little slice.

Tom: And that's a value the Constable embraces?

Ann: Yes. And also the under-represented in the church, particularly towards the margins.

John: Small congregations in particular are what we're looking at.

Ann: Yes--definitely bullet that.

Ruth: World music is a piece that needs to be mentioned.

John: How much does the world music point to that?

Ann: The more you can tell us about the relevancy is better. Would all of the money for this be coming from the Constable grant?

Ruth: Partners...

Ann: Give us a full budget that shows partnership then the specific piece that you'd want the Constable to fund.

John: How much does partnership help?

Ann: Some.

Ruth: for the sake of full disclosure, we are going to submit these to GC for funding but we don't know that it will be fully funded. Part of us thinking creatively is approaching Constable. You'll know when you look whether this has been funded or not.

Ann: That's helpful to know.

Tom: Any other thoughts for us?

Ann: No, we've covered what I'd suggest.

Angela: One more question--would you want to see a specific Mark of Mission connected?

Ann: That would be an additional bonus.

[Call ends]

We then reviewed what we had identified as priorities. Ruth directed that in the remaining time we would consider these and determine who would work in which areas. Then, after the meeting, Ruth and John would meet and discuss who would lead up each area.

Ruth directed Derek to pull together the motions separately and post them as soon as possible after the meeting.

We confirmed that the document circulated reflects what we discussed. There was some discussion on minor points. John recommended that we put the proposed Everybody Sings in the Summer of 2014. We also passed to our Executive Council liaison our concern that there's no appearance of worship or liturgy in the Marks of Mission. Chris noted that it is implicit within them. (Ana deliberately refrained from speaking at this point.) Ruth added the Everybody Sings church-wide consultation and bracketed that \$20k that identifies that additional sources of funding coming from partnering groups will be necessary for that. Ruth then sent the document to the General Convention Office and posted it again to the extranet.

Division of Work amongst the Commission

We then established who would work on which projects:

Publications

- Ruth
- Nancy
- Ana
- Gregory
- Derek

Same-Sex Blessings

- Ruth
- Tom
- Christopher
- Louis
- [Amy—time permitting]

Daily Prayer for All Seasons (certifying the text and translation)

- Paul

- Ana
- Gregory
- Ruth

Structure to plan for publication after GC (i.e., follow up with Structure commission)

- Ruth
- Tom

Congregational Song Taskforce

- John
- Ana
- Dent
- Steven
- Paul
- Sandye

Addressing Christian Anti-Judaism

- Louis
- Amy
- Paul
- Derek

Biblical Translations

- Steven
- Chris
- Paul

Participation in IALC

- Ruth
- Tom or Steve

Holy Women, Holy Men

- Derek
- Amy
- Louis
- [Steven—time permitting]
- Chris
- Sandye
- Nancy
- Bill?
- Kee?
- Ana

BOS/EOW

- Christopher
- Tom
- Chris
- Amy

- Gregory

Electronic Publication of Resources

- Derek
- Chris
- Nancy
- John

Consultation with Common Texts

- Bill

Leadership Program for Musicians liaison

- John

Ruth said that she would post this list with a message for the absent to indicate where their interests lie.

Wrap-up

For the January conference call, our priorities will include an update on the Constable grant application. The grant will be written by John, Ruth, and Ana and will be posted to the extranet by Epiphany. We will also need an update on the SSB material. Tom indicated that he should have a sense from Devon about the liturgies of adoption and from Jennifer on the creation material. Ruth suggested that we could brainstorm consultants for the blessing work. We should also know then more about the Anglican Church in the Americas meeting.

Ruth then brought a few notes from the Chairs' meeting. The extranet is the business place. Think of it as where the vestry minutes are placed so that none of us have to worry about turning over documents at the end of the triennium. It is not primarily for personal communication. Think of it as archiving. Ana suggested that we might consider a closed Facebook page for more informal communication. Ruth said that this might also be a fitting topic for the January discussion.

Ruth reminded us of the absence policy. Members may only have two unexcused absences but any number of excused absences.

Motion: Move that the absence of Dent, Drew, Kee and the substantive absence of Sandye be accepted as excused absences.

Motion passed unanimously.

We then had a lengthy consultation with calendars and day-planners to determine meeting times and locations which will be fully nailed down after discussion with the absent members.

Appendix

Summary of Actions & Motions

Membership

Members present for votes:

Ruth Meyers
John Repulski
Christopher Hamlett
Louis Weil
Derek Olsen
Paul Carmona
Ana Hernández
Tom Ely
Steven Miller

Action: 11/12/2012

Derek Olsen appointed as secretary by Convener.

Action: 11/13/2012

Motion: Move that Ruth Meyers be elected as Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Passed Unanimously

Motion: Move that John Repulski be elected as Vice-Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

Passed Unanimously

Motion: Move that we authorize the chair and her designees to approve the changes and the text for publication of *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*, to encourage the possibility that this be a bilingual publication, and to work with Church Publishing Incorporated to publish this material as soon as possible in English and Spanish.

Passed Unanimously

Motion: Move to empower the chair to investigate the possibility of using funds from the 2012 program budget to cover the costs of translation of *Daily Prayer for All Seasons* into French.

Passed Unanimously

Motion: Move that the SCLM authorize the chair and her designees to certify the final version of "I will bless you and you will be a blessing" including the liturgy adopted by GC resolution A049 for provisional use, "the witnessing and blessing of a life-long covenant," and further that the chair and her designees immediately begin working with Church Publishing Incorporated to publish this material as soon as possible including an approved online available edition of the liturgy and the one-page summary of

theological principles utilizing the General Convention website and the website of the Episcopal Church in order to make this resource available by Advent 1, 2012 and further that the chair issue a press release on behalf of the SCLM through the Episcopal Church office of communications alerting the church to the availability of the liturgy online.

Passed Unanimously

Motion: Move that the SCLM recommend that the presiding officers consider in their appointment to the special taskforce on marriage Bishop Steven Miller and Dr. Louis Weil as members.

Passed Unanimously [Ruth Meyers absent]

Action: 11/14/2012

Motion: Move that the absence of Dent, Drew, Kee and the substantive absence of Sandye be accepted as excused absences.

Passed Unanimously