

March 25, 2011

Dear Bishops,

As the three bishops serving on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, we have prepared this packet of material as part of our commitment to work in collaboration with the House of Bishops as directed in General Convention resolution C056 (Blessing of Same Gender Relationships). The material in this packet and other material related to C056 is posted on the College for Bishops website. This packet includes:

- 1. *List of current task group members***
- 2. *Checklist outlining our process of work on C056***
- 3. *Theological principles (revised after our September meeting)***
- 4. *Liturgical principles (revised after our September meeting)***
- 5. *Executive summary (1-page) from the pastoral and teaching resources group***
- 6. *Memo from the canons task group***

In addition, the HOB Planning Committee has provided some time on Friday night at the Town Hall meeting for us to make a verbal report on our work, including the Church-wide Consultation held in Atlanta March 18-19, and to do our best to respond to any questions you might have. We are also available throughout the time we are in Kanuga to have further conversation with you about this work.

You have already received our request to assist the SCLM in our desire to respond to the request in C056 for consultation with others in the Anglican Communion. After much thought and consultation, it was felt that the best opportunity for hearing from other bishops around the Anglican Communion would come through our personal relationships with other bishops. Hence the survey and our request that you make use of this tool, or adapt the material to have whatever sort of conversation with other bishops you think will serve this effort best. We are happy to discuss this survey project with you more fully during the course of our time at Kanuga.

We want to remind you that the SCLM is maintaining an active blog for comments on this project and other projects <http://liturgyandmusic.wordpress.com/2010/06/>.

Thank you for your attention to this material.

Faithfully,

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