

Dear colleagues,

As the three bishops serving on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM), we write to ask your assistance as the SCLM continues its work in response to Resolution C056 (Blessing of Same Gender Relationships). Resolution C056 directed the SCLM, working in consultation with the House of Bishops, to invite theological reflection from throughout the Anglican Communion. We now ask you to invite this reflection from those bishops in other parts of the Anglican Communion whom you know, for example, in a companion diocese or your Lambeth Indaba group.

The SCLM has developed an electronic survey based on a revised version of the theological and liturgical principles presented to the House of Bishops last September. As the survey was developed, Ruth Meyers, SCLM chair, was in correspondence with Phil Groves, Director of the Continuing Indaba Project.

Copies of the survey in English, Spanish and French are attached to this email, along with the most recent edition of the theological and liturgical principles (English and Spanish). The principles are also incorporated into the survey and all of this material is available on the College for Bishops website.

The electronic survey is available in English, Spanish and French via these links:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EnglishSCLMAnglicanSurvey2011>
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpanishSCLMAnglicanSurvey>
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FrenchSCLMAnglicanSurvey>

We ask that you use the electronic form of the survey with those whom you think would be open to offering us their reflections and comfortable using this electronic instrument. If you think it would be better to invite reflection in some other way, please use your good judgment and make use of the attached survey questions and principles as part of a conversation, or in whatever way you think is most useful.

Please send the names and dioceses of those to whom you are sending the survey, or with whom you are having some other kind of conversation around these questions, to the Rev. Keri Aubert, Blessings Project Manager, who will maintain a list and help us avoid duplication. If you receive comments apart from the survey, please send those to her as well: kaubert@cdsp.edu. To be of most use to the task groups developing the resources, we need responses by May 15, 2011.

In addition to this survey, the SCLM's work will be a special agenda item at the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation, which is meeting in Canterbury in early August. Tom Ely and Ruth Meyers will represent The Episcopal Church at this meeting.

If you have other suggestions for ways to invite reflection from throughout the Anglican Communion, please be in touch, or speak to us during the upcoming HOB meeting.

Thank you for your support of the Commission in this work.

For the Commission,

+Thomas +Kee +Pierre

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