

## **Draft Principles and Process for Creation and Authorization of New Liturgical Texts or Liturgies**

**May 12, 2016**

### **1. Values Related to the Process We Will be Trying**

- We accept the guidelines in the Faith, Worship and Ministry document that outlines guidelines for the creation of new liturgies. (currently posted on the Anglican Church of Canada's website)
- We value a sense of common prayer in our diocese and in The Anglican Church of Canada
- We value investigating what is already created and authorized by the broader Anglican Church of Canada and by our diocese as a part of any process of creating liturgies
- We value creating a stronger sense of connection and collaboration through the participation of others (Archdeacons, Bishop and other resources) in the process of creating liturgies for use and authorization
- We acknowledge that the creation of solid, useful and beautiful liturgies is an iterative learning process that benefits from trial and modifications leading to full authorization
- We desire to create a culture of creative liturgy development while holding fast to the idea of common prayer in our diocese.

### **2. Process mechanics and roles for the authorization of the use of new texts**

- As of Trinity Sunday, 2016 (May 22, 2016) we begin a two-year period of working with a new process, with the only texts authorized for use beginning on May 29, 2016, in this diocese being the ones authorized by the Anglican Church of Canada. If you are currently using something you wish to request authorization for, you will have permission to use it until you hear back from those you have submitted it to
- Those wanting to create and use something other than these texts are asked to share what you and the parish want to do (or have been doing!) with your Archdeacon and with me. The Archdeacon will begin by talking to you (or you and others) about it. This may be a full text or an outline of a liturgy or simply an idea about a liturgy you want to create. The Archdeacon will then bring the text, the outline or the idea to the Archdeacon's group, to me and potentially to others for consultation, comment and discussion. Coming out of this meeting, any comments, suggestions or ideas will be shared with you. Along with this will come any terms of authorization—that is, whether the form is authorized for a limited use (one or two times only) or whether it is authorized for trial use on a more regular basis or whether it is simply authorized for the time of this episcopacy.

- If authorized for trial use, we'll figure out together what the trial period will and how to collect feedback after using it for that period.
- In many cases, the liturgies that are authorized will be put on the website (with your permission) and information about what you are doing will (with your permission) be sent to other clergy in the diocese.
- We may discover that doing this immediately creates too much work! The only way we will know this is if you share your texts and your ideas as soon as possible. So—share your texts and ideas! If you are in doubt about whether to share something, go ahead and share it.
- Remember: All of this is for the sake of creating higher quality liturgies, a greater sense of collaboration, more resources for all of us and a diocese in which we are learning together as we experience and create liturgies that witness to God in Christ, the One whose truth both transcends culture and becomes flesh in and through local cultures, neighbourhoods and regions.
- As a help in the use of Eucharistic prayers authorized in the Anglican Church of Canada, those prayers will be available with notes on what our colleague The Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett believes are the best uses of each Eucharistic Prayer. Additionally, Richard and I will make available a range of authorized ways to emend the Eucharistic Prayers in the BAS to reflect inclusive/expanded language for God and the people of God. (as of May 12, 2016 still to be posted)