

**Legislative Committee #13: Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music
Minutes**

July 4, 2012, Convened at 5:00 pm

Minute taker: Karen Noble Hanson

Bishop Wayne Smith opened the hearing at 5 PM
Chaplain Susan Williams led prayer.

A048 No witnesses

A056 No witnesses

A057 No Witnesses

A058 No Witnesses

A059 No Witnesses

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A061 Amend Canon No Witnesses

D021 Amend Canon No Witnesses

A062 Amend 2,3,5 Witness

Gregory Howe, Custodian of the BCP. There are three official languages have been literal translation from English. Looking for more idiomatic French and Spanish Congregations

Question, are the three languages an official of the church. Yes. Gregory Howe, therefore, spoke in favor of the resolution, saying that we need to translate the BCP into French and Spanish for the good of the whole church.

A063 No Witnesses

A064 No Witnesses

A050 Task Force. Jeff Diell El Camino Real, in favor. Did study and found it supported. Urged pass.

Danielle Morris, Central Florida, against. Florida attorneys told her that even though we're talking about blessings and same-gender unions, it will be perceived or understood as marriage. She wanted to talk about another resolution.

Michael Hopkins. In favor for C076 and similar. Some form of the resolution comes up for a more comprehensive liturgical study of marriage.

Lisa Anderson. In favor of sacramental rite. Would not want to confuse Same-gender blessings with different gender marriages.

Caroline Hall. El Camino Reale found that study showed it is supported, but wants parishes involved in study, too.

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Tom Jackson, expert testimony. In favor to moving forward. Wants to move marriage for all of the sacraments.

Danielle Morris. Wants us to wait, until Florida marriage is allowed.

Mary O'Shannasey. Visitor from Diocese of New York. Wants Canons changed.

Jim Cervillo. Central Florida. Against. Language in direct conflict with Canons, and 1998 language in Prayer Book. This be tabled and placed in full revision to Constitution and Canons

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July 5, 2012, Convened at 11:15 a.m.
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Lowell Grisham called us to order at 11:15.

Chaplain Susan Williams led us in prayer.

Public hearing on A051: “Continue Trial Use of Holy Women, Holy Men,” and A052
“Identify Additional Church Calendar Commemorations”

Lowell Grisham stated some of the rules of engagement..

Expert Testimony:

Catherine Pickard of Minnesota. About Junia and Andronicus. Appreciates the inclusion and putting Junia’s name first. Wants to put the word “Saint” before their names. They are mentioned in the Bible, and were canonized. She also wants them to be identified as “Apostles.”

Patrick Malloy. About a concern that we not end trial use. Some of the texts are difficult to read and impossible to chant. Also concerned that too many days to commemorate makes us lose the sense of the liturgical seasons. The calendar is too packed.

Ernesto Medina spoke about C070 and C099, both dealing with the “Addition of the Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano to Holy Women, Holy Men”

Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska, spoke about C070 and C099 as well. Also supporting commemorating Fr. Kano. He was an Episcopalian, a heroic figure, born in Japan and immigrated to the United States. He lived to 100 years, and Scott wouldn’t want us to penalize him because he was long-lived.

Andrew Cooley about C070 and C099. Was aware of Fr. Kano when he was growing up in Colorado.

Frank Logue on C112. “Add Deaconess Anna Ellison Butler Alexander to Holy Women, Holy Men.” There is a local commemoration. She is the first black deaconess in TEC.

Ted Clarkson, also on C112. She was a headmistress of a school, and worked among two small communities under adverse circumstances.

Kathryn Ishibayashi, on C070 and C099. He was important to the Asian community, and to the larger community as well.

Jack Zamboni, a member of this committee, is ill, and can't be with us.

Now to consider A050: "Create Task Force on the Study of Marriage." Brian Baker moves adoption, Susan Williams seconded. Tom Ely moves that we add language from B014 and add it to A050. This motion was removed without objection, and he moved that we substitute B014, changing "work with" to "consult with" in line 6.

Susan Williams moved an amendment to the amendment, changing "same-gender" in line 8 to "same-sex." Lots of discussion, lots of confusion. Susan Russell: sex has to do with biology, and gender has to do with identity – she would err on the side of same-sex. The amendment passed.

Back to the substitute motion, which is now A050.

A concern expressed that this is spending 30K on this study when we should be down-sizing. Also concerned about our relations with our ecumenical brothers and sisters. Also concerned about our willingness to part company with the wider Catholic Church on moral theology, and that this is putting our Church in decline. This action is not consistent with the doctrine discipline and worship of Christ as this Church has received them.

Katrina Hamilton, speaking in favor of this resolution, saying that we need to have a study of marriage, so we'll know what we're talking about when we talk about marriage.

Ross supports the resolution, saying the concept of what marriage is has escaped the public consciousness. Our church should stand for committed, long-term relationships between two loving people. The money is a pittance for the good we'll get out of this: "chump change."

Ruth Kirk, also in favor of the resolution. Also Susan Russell.

Dan Martins, in favor in concept. Marriage has become a moving target. But the conclusion of the study is already determined. This is not a study of the sacrament of marriage, but just a way for us to do what we're going to do, and has to do with same-sex marriage.

Williams in support, to foster the conversation.

Ruth Meyer proposed an amendment. Two additional resolved clauses, which she has written out. Seconded.

"Resolved, that the task force consult with couples living in marriage and in other lifelong committed relationships and with single adults;

And be it further resolved, that the task force consult with other Churches in the Anglican Communion and with our ecumenical partners; and be it further”

More discussion. David argued that the old definition is in the BCP, and we don't need a new one.

Andrew Waldo spoke: as ambassadors of reconciliation, we should make this task force more balanced theologically. “I'm tired of losing people over this.”

Bishops voted, Deputies voted, the substitute resolution is approved with opposition, and with Bishop Waldo abstaining.

Recess for lunch, to reconvene at 2 p.m.