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Ruth,

Happy Easter!

George Young here. Sorry you had to track me down. I am waiting to hear back from the person I hope to be our contact person for you and the SCLM; I'll let you know as soon as I hear from him.

We have approved the use of the liturgy in the Diocese of East Tennessee, effective February 2013, and here is the link (http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3167777/12-02-2012BishopsLetter.pdf) for the letter I sent out the First Sunday of Advent. Thankfully, the response to my letter was fairly low-key, without much negative response at all. I believe this is partly due to Bp. vonRosenberg's "Bishop's Committee on Inclusivity" which has visited parishes over the last three years making presentations that provide a context for valuable and open discussion. Also - this area - East Tennessee and the Diocese - is (surprisingly?) much more progressive in terms of sexuality than one might think. So - good news.

At this point, we have one parish - Grace Church, Chattanooga - that has a liturgy coming up this month. The Chattanooga newspaper did an article a couple of weeks ago about them that was very positive. I'll send that link to you also. We have 6 other parishes (out of 50ish) whose vestries and clergy have officially decided to approve the use in their parish.

Thank you for the continuing great work that you and the SCLM are doing. We are very grateful!

Peace, George

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