From: Mary Glasspool [mailto:Mglasspool@ladiocese.org]
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 3:59 PM
To: Meyers, Ruth
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Subject: Diocese of Los Angeles' Response to A049 - GC 2012

Dear Ruth,

With apologies for the delay, I am writing in response to your request for feedback on the rite authorized by Resolution 2012-A049.

In 2008 Bishop Diocesan Jon Bruno– on the advice of the Bishop's Task Force on Marriage – authorized the use of liturgies for the blessing of same-sex unions in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Since that policy still stands, we received with gratitude the good work done by the SCLM on the "I Will Bless You and You Will Be a Blessing" resources A049 provided and were delighted that they offer additional resources for use by clergy in this diocese who elect to respond to the pastoral needs of members of their congregations by offering blessings for same-sex unions.

Here's a link to the 2008 ENS story on Bishop Bruno's 2008 policy announcement. <u>http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/81803_103657_ENG_HTM.htm</u>. I would be happy to provide further background if the Commission would find it helpful in any way.

With deep appreciation for the good work of the SCLM on this and so many other projects so important to the work and witness of the Church,

Faithfully yours, +Mary D. Glasspool, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Los Angeles In behalf of Bishops Bruno and Bruce and the Diocese