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Subject: Pastoral Letter and Assessment of Provisional Rite

Dear Colleagues;

I attach my recent pastoral letter regarding the provisional liturgy for the blessing of same-sex covenants, together with its supporting materials. While all seven pages may be of interest to you, I particularly ask you to consider my assessment of the rite on pages three and four; this assessment is a synopsis of a much longer critique which I will spare you reading unless you beg for more. In any event I would very much appreciate it if you would circulate this package in its entirety to the members of the Commission, since I think the pastoral context is important.

With thanks for all your hard work and continuing prayers for God's guidance of you in the coming months and years.

Blessings,

+Dorsey

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