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**To:** Meyers, Ruth  
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**Subject:** RE: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music


Ruth

Thank you for reaching out to me, and for the information that you supplied. On April 18, we distributed a letter from Bishop Knisely to the RI clergy with resources that are attached to this email. Is it appropriate for me to send these to you to load into the resources repository that has been established, or should I wait until the Extranet is finished and load them myself?

As you know, same sex marriage was passed in our legislature and will be effective in August. This will also change things in our Diocese as well.

Thank you for all of the work that you are doing with this effort!

Blessings  
Jan Grinnell

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**From:** Meyers, Ruth [mailto:RMeyers@cdsp.edu]  
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**To:** Meyers, Ruth  
**Subject:** Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for agreeing to serve as your diocese's contact person with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, for our work in response to 2012 General Convention Resolution A049, "Authorize Liturgical Resources for Blessing Same-Gender Relationships." The SCLM subcommittee met this week, so I can now give you a general outline of our plans.

First, I want you to know that I received your names in response to an email to diocesan bishops. That same email asked whether the resource has been authorized for use in the diocese and for letters or other documents (or links) the bishop may have issued regarding the resources. The Archives of the Episcopal Church has been cataloging those responses for the commission, and today a website with those responses went live: <http://www.episcopalarchives.org/SCLM/2012-A049/>. Your names and positions, but not your contact information, are on the spreadsheet listing responses to my inquiry.

I have asked the General Convention Office to create an "Extranet" site with all of your names, along with the SCLM subcommittee members working on these resources. For those of you not familiar with the Extranet, it is a password-protected forum administered by the General Convention Office to facilitate communication, including messages and files. You'll receive information directly from the General Convention Office about accessing the Extranet site for the group.

The commission is working on a survey to gather feedback about use of the resources. We plan to release that survey on September 1, giving people 10 months from the Advent 1 2012 official "launch" of the resource to get some experience of the resource. Responses to the survey will help the subcommittee determine what aspects of the resource need revision prior to the 2015 General Convention.

The resource, including the theological essay, pastoral and teaching materials, and an essay on canonical and legal implications, in addition to the liturgy itself, can be ordered from Church Publishing: <http://tinyurl.com/bvc7jnm> (<https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/index.cfm?fuseaction=productDetail&productID=9743>). Also available on the site are pdfs of the liturgy, with a brief theological introduction, in English, French, and Spanish, and MS Word files. The full resource is currently available in French as well as English, and I expect a Spanish translation to be published sometime this summer.

I invite you to communicate any of this information to your diocese, as seems best in your local context. When the Extranet site is up, I will post a welcome message there for all of you.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this work. I'm grateful for your service to the church.

Grace and peace,  
Ruth

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