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Dear Ruth,

As you might imagine, the part of A049 that we are most grateful for in the Diocese of Springfield is that its use requires the approval of the diocesan bishop. I have indicated to the diocese (at our 2012 convention) my intention to withhold such approval, and cannot envision circumstances under which that might change. With some pockets of exception in two or three of our parishes, that represents the consensus of the diocese. In general, we believe that the entire project represented by A049 is in conflict with the teaching of the Episcopal Church, and of the entire Christian tradition, on the nature of marriage, and lacks any meaningful theological coherence.

Blessings,

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