
From: Gary R. Lillibridge [mailto:Gary.lillibridge@dwtx.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 3:01 PM
To: Meyers, Ruth
Cc: Joann Saylor; David Reed
Subject: RE: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Ruth:

I have not authorized use of the liturgy. We just completed our annual diocesan convention (last week), and I have attached the portion of my Bishop's Address to the diocese which dealt with human sexuality so that you may see where we are in this conversation. Not that you want to read it, but the full address is on the diocesan website (dwtx.org).

This diocese includes, like most places, people on all sides of these issues. I have just begun my 10th year as a bishop, and this has been on the front burner since my election in 2003. Gene Robinson and I are classmates in the House of Bishops.

I have worked very carefully to keep us together as a large and diverse family, and we continue to work together in our understandings and through our relationships. We have 90 congregations, 27 Episcopal Schools, and over 20,000 members "on the books." Our diocesan ASA is between 9,000-10,000; annual budget is \$4,500,000.

I appointed a Focus Group last year made up of 50 diocesan leaders (lay and clergy; women and men) including so-called progressives, moderates, and traditionalists. We had outstanding conversation through two day-long prayerful and careful gatherings (June/August). The mutual respect and deep listening was a real high point of our diocesan life together, and we experienced the same at our annual clergy conference last October. I have now encouraged the congregations to do the same.

That may be more background than you need, but it will give you some context for the remarks I made to the diocese earlier this month.

Faithfully,

Bishop Lillibridge

From: Meyers, Ruth [mailto:RMeyers@cdsp.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 10:02 PM
To: Gary R. Lillibridge
Subject: RE: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Dear Bishop Lillibridge,

Thank you for this information. Have you authorized the liturgy for use in West Texas?

Grace and peace,
Ruth

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Subject: RE: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Ruth:

Thank you for this reminder.

I have asked The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor, our Canon for Deployment and Congregational Development, to be our diocesan contact. I have copied her on this email so that you have her email address.

Also, our office phone is 210.824.5387 here in San Antonio should you wish to contact her by phone.

Faithfully,

Bishop Lillibridge
West Texas