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Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 7:02 AM
To: Meyers, Ruth
Cc: John Bedingfield
Subject: Re: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Dear Dean Meyers,

My response to your earlier email bounced back. I'm hoping for better luck this time.

As you may know, the Diocese of Western Louisiana has not had substantive talks about SSB's for some time (if ever). My episcopate began last July. As a result, I have not given permission to use these liturgies in the Diocese. As the wider Church has recognized, this decision should emerge from broad, intensive, patient community discourse.

I am copying The Rev. John Bedingfield because he is the President of our Standing Committee. Our Standing Committee has accepted my request to help me insure implementation of all GC resolution, including a study of these materials. He is the appropriate contact for you.

While I cannot be certain, I believe that a number of my priests will encourage this study in their congregations and I certainly welcome it. By the same token, some of our congregations will reject the idea of such study. I understand their reticence and will help them to be gracious in their response to those who undertake the study.

Thank you for your leadership. Blessings on your Lenten journey.

In Christ's Love,

+Jake

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