

SCLM Meeting Minutes, February 18-20, 2008 Memphis, Tennessee

In attendance: Mildred Springer, Ernesto Medina, Clay Morris, Wayne Smith [Vice-Chair], Greg Howe, Sandra Montes, Jennifer Phillips, Devon Anderson, Jeannine Otis, Jess Wilkerson, Julia Huttar Bailey [Chairperson], Carl MaultsBy, Frank Tedeschi, Henry Louttit
excused: Samuel Cheung

Monday evening

The meeting began with prayer and song. The group shared gave personal updates.

It was announced that Laurie Thompson had offered his letter of resignation just prior to our meeting. Bishop Sergio Carranza had also written a letter of resignation to the Presiding Bishop.

It was also announced that Ted Yumoto was no longer our liaison from Executive Council because of the separation in the Diocese of San Joaquin.

We reviewed the working agenda.

Calendar: Greg Howe reported on progress on the Calendar.

1. 3 different models for coupling names on a particular day (co-workers, e.g. Muhlenburg & his biographer & heirs; Mutual interest - Musicians e.g.; date meaningful to two, e.g. Merton, Barth - congregations may select one or do both.)
2. When Griswold asked for this work he hoped for more international, lay, women, ethnic diversity in selection, and more North American.
3. Surveyed 26 calendars plus Lutheran, Methodist, Canadian, and others, to draw up the list. That's what we aimed for. This calendar draft with one possible addition and one likely subtraction is our proposal.
4. Appendix will include some not dead for 50 years and mention Marian apparitions - draft of this to come in May.
5. Sam Seabury's day no longer called "the Consecration of...". Biographies are being reworked.

Additional topic to be discussed:

1. Discuss Blue Blue format and presentation due to added material in our report.
2. Budget report needed for May meeting.
3. Resolutions we will be offering in our report.
4. Update on Rachel's Tears
5. Update on Emergent Church meeting
6. Update on Daily Prayer
7. Update on Music Committee work
8. Update on "Changes" translation
9. Update on Anti-Semitism work – Marilyn Salmon is coming in May to offer report.

We prayed Compline.

Tuesday morning

Jeannine led morning prayer.

Calendar: Greg Howe continued report on *Holy Women, Holy Men*.

1. Consensus to include complete text of JM Neale's hymn on front page.
2. Consensus to omit Chief Washakie.
3. Consensus to omit Jonathan Edwards.
4. Consensus to exclude JC Ryle
5. Discussion on the Title of the work: Subcommittee will offer recommendation.
6. Discussion of who might pray the Calendar in trial form.

Carl: **Motion: SCLM request that Clay request that a link be added to the Bible from the home page of The Episcopal Church. MSA.**

Clay reported that General Convention office said that LFF mailing should go out late March or early April.

Frank's Report on CPI:

1. Exec. Council - budget requires cutting some positions and a search process suspended.

2. We will expand our music publishing program - Marilyn Haskel will be 3 days a week.
3. Informally - Frank will discuss SCLM deadline issues for our big volume of materials.

Liturgical Officer Report:

1. Transition is well underway at 815.
2. Amazing things happening at St. Paul's - Ground Zero.

Julia reported on a phone call and email from Rev. DeWolf requesting materials focusing on the Ascension of Our Lord. Referred to process of General Convention.

Julia reported on referred resolutions:

1. All LFF are being dealt with in committee.
2. Multisensory became "emergent" church report
3. Additional resources of the Burial Office – Completed.
4. Reconciliation – dealt with in essays begin collected by Jennifer Phillips.
5. EOW 1,2,3. 4 need reauthorization resolution
6. A073 – Praise and World Music – supplements to be included in Blue Book report.
7. Leadership Program for Musicians in Small Congregations: Doesn't need other action.
8. C003 (Anti-Jewish prejudice in Liturgical Texts) – Marilyn Salmon is now under contract and doing work to be presented in May.
9. D006 – make footnote that Rubrics already allow for this.
10. War in Iraq – already dealt with in Changes
11. "Upholding Communion to the Baptized. House of Bishops currently working on this – no response needed at this time from us.
12. Daily Life Liturgies: Our Daily Prayer working on this. Chair to send email to SCLD for additional comments. Incorporate into next Blue Book report.

Tuesday afternoon SCLM 2/19/08

Music Committee report:

3 prong plan --

1. Resource list compiled from selves, other musicians, etc. for new worship ideas and materials, service music, hymns, contemporary expressions, special events. (by May for Blue Book Report)

2. video pilot - for congregations without music leader or clergy, to identify core elements needed to help them find their voice as communities - maybe 4 parts or so.

3. video clips of things that are working in various churches as ideas for others. dvd perhaps.

Discussion followed.

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Translation of Changes Report:

Ernesto gave a report with respect to the problems encountered with the Office of Translation at 815. The problem escalated and a Spanish translation was produced that did not meet our needs. Ernesto thanked Clay Morris for his support.

The problem is based on the fact that the translator worked independent of any discussion about the task up front, and declined to consult Butch Naters-Gamarra as recommended by us, so his professional Spanish translation product shows this lack.

The Custodian of the Standard Book again raised the critical issue before this Commission which is the canonical implications surrounding future translations.

We need to communicate to the Communication Office that the translation did not meet our needs.

Ernesto: Moved : 1.) We discard the translation offered by Dept of Communicaions. 2.) develop statement of editorial principles for translation consulting Butch Naters-Gamarra and whoever else he thinks appropriate, and some French & Creole speakers, and 3.) whenever we have agreed-on principles, we contract with Butch to translate from scratch. Seconded (Henry). Unanimous vote to approve.

It was agreed that we send out the principles to the Commission prior to the May meeting. Ernesto, Sandra and Greg to work on this project.

Reconciliation Book project - Jennifer reported that out of the 3 dozen invited – 17 have responded. There is a range of diversity at many levels. Hope to have draft by mid summer.

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Rachel's Tear's, Hannah's Hopes Report:

Greg shared feedback from P. Pettingell, including...

- PP will revise Biblical and theological rationale to clarify language and argument, incl. HOB statement on human life/pregnancy termination.
- Some prayers are too diffuse – for example concern for differences between people who just got diagnosed with cancer vs. elected a hysterectomy.
- Strengthen language in which God is invoked to express confidence in God's grace.
- Oversimplifying various & complex reactions, need for more nuance. Some better for the pray-er than to be prayed over her.
- Will confer with Jennifer & Laurie re: Confusion/guilt post-abortion for some; Use of Reconciliation Rites as suitable post-abortion for some. Need for non-polarizing materials that also address requests from NOEL et al.
- Need for updating of hymn selections: Greg will send the Lutheran list of hymns for augmenting to musicians on SLMC.
- Ideas for other readers are invited. Hope to complete revisions for May meeting.

Greg noted that much of this material may be useful for BOS revision.

Open/Free Communion report:

After our discussion on free & open Communion at our last meeting, Greg went to Ruth Meyers and asked for her thoughts. 6 pieces she recommends for our consideration, no special order:

1. think about context and who might interpret Biblical texts - which ones relevant, what do they mean today?
2. Missiological context - how our invitation to Communion responds to that context (evangelization)
3. How do we evangelize, welcome & incorporate new members, esp. unchurched.
4. Ecumenical perspectives - how are our invitations coherent with our practices, how received by ecumenical partners?

5. Baptismal ecclesiology - tracing history of emerging perspective. Have we received reinterpretation of baptismal theology
6. How do we receive the received Christian tradition while being open to continuing development?

More discussion followed.

Wednesday Morning SCLM 2/20/08

Email Address: We all updated our email addresses. Julia sent these out to us for confirmation. Please do not "reply all" to old email with wrong addresses, but be sure to use new list.

Emergent Church Report: Devon provided history. A066-MultiSensory Resources went as far as it could but it was identified that "emergent" church was the area that needed to be looked at.

Devon gathered a consultation last week from across the church (20 people - engaged with emergent communities along with Doug Padgett and Tony Jones of Solomon's Porch as leaders). We worked on defining and redefining what emergent church is and isn't.

Discussion continued on the Commission. A Blue Book report will be produced.

Moved: Add to BlueBook report "Whereas there is a large body of information that is available for Episcopal worship, and whereas most parishes are unaware of the existence of this information, therefore

Be it resolved that Gen Con authorize funds for the creation by SCLM of Hymn Studies 2010 and for the dissemination and propagation of this information that articulates the current diversity of musical resources for use in the local congregations.-- MSA unanimously

Daily Prayer (Praying the Hours): Ernesto reported on the Daily Prayer project. A draft of the hours for Lent is available and is being passed around. Louis Weil has said he will look at it more in depth and at first glance thinks it is good.

Adoption Rites Project: Julia reported that the project stalled but that there is a meeting set up with a new writer Shannon Cate and Ruth Meyers and a copy will be ready in May.

May Meeting: Confirming that we meet from May 19th to May 23rd at Pallisades Retreat Center about one hour from SeaTac Airport. There will be a full agenda.

Wednesday afternoon SCLM 2/20/08

Items for our next meeting:

Revision of BOS (\$25K in minutes to start this)
Resolution on Music
Boilerplate resolution updating A074 for EOW 1,2,3,4 changing dates.
Reconciliation update
LFF Propers/Commons
Anti-Jewish text remedy report
Updates for emergent Church
Updates for Daily Office/Adoption

brainstorming--

Confirmation – What resolutions might help?
Eucharistic prayers created in other than English and then translate into English and see what impact would be on the Church.

Budget request brainstorming:

\$25K to start BOS revision
~\$4 to retranslate Changes from this current budget
\$20K for Hymn Studies project
\$15K to move on Reconciliation rite revision.
Daily Office project might need ~\$4000 to finish.
Anti-Jewish text remediation project needs \$3500.
Translation of upcoming EOW (Daily Office/Adoption)
Consideration of consultant to draft Rite 1 prayers for Calendar
Money for CD of Hymn Studies

Calendar:

Substitute the following for Thomas Merton...

Thomas Merton

Gracious God, you called your monk, Thomas Merton, to proclaim your justice out of silence; and moved him in his contemplative writings to perceive and value Christ at work in the faiths of others, keep us like him steadfast in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ,

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen

errata from the subcommittee...

Burleigh - delete first "and"

John XXIII - delete "the work of"

Juan de la Cruz - add English name

Mott - reformat last line

SCLM NOTE: April 30 is the deadline for any revisions to these collects. Julia will send a reminder. Jennifer send a corrected version of the Collects to the full SCLM

Other collect discussion:

Calvin prayer needed

Burleigh - needs a phrase addressing "us"?

Carlile diverse instead of all

Demby & Delaney

Loving God, we thank you for the ministries of Edward Thomas Demby and Henry Beard Delany, bishops of your Church who served faithfully to your honor and glory, though limited by segregation. We pray that you assist us, too, to break through the limitations of our own time that we may minister in obedience to Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Additional notes:

Hunt - no longer repine, he now complains

DuBois - note change DuBois, "so passionate a prophet of civil rights that he left his native land." May we

Lydia et al - too hagiographical and didactic, and also Douglass.

Chesterton - split infinitive corrected (to cheerfully witness)

The following Email sent was sent from Julia –

Hello Everyone,

Our next meeting is scheduled for May at the Palisades Retreat Center in Seattle.

We will begin with dinner at 6:00 Monday, May 19.

We will conclude at noon on Thursday, May 22.

We will have a very full agenda, and definitely need all of that time to get through all our work.

We really will need to all be present to the end of the meeting.

Note: if you are not able to get an afternoon or evening flight, SCLM will pay for lodging Thursday evening, and you can fly out early Friday.

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Looking even further ahead:

The final meeting of this triennium will be October 13-17 in Omaha. We are scheduled for Monday dinner all the way through Friday noon. We will be completing our Blue Book report and will need all of that time!