

## **Report of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy and Music for 2013-2014**

The membership of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy and Music is composed of Music Ministers, Lay leaders, and Clergy of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Members of the Commission for 2013-2014 were: The Rev. Ann Ritonia (Chair), The Rev. Dr. Bill Hardwick, Deborah Gemma, The Rev. Ron Kolanowski, John Armstrong, The Rev. Dana Campbell (Recording Secretary), The Rev. Matt Lincoln, Canon Robert Brooks, Fiona Sutherland.

During the past year, members of the commission met monthly for mutual support, prayer, liturgical planning for various Diocesan events including Annual convention as well as for discussion on liturgical developments and resources available for liturgical and musical planning and support for the greater Diocese.

During 2013-2014 the work of the commission included the following:

- Purchase of Recording Equipment 2014 which will be lent to parishes who want to try out the recording of services, sermons, or music for archiving or posting to their parish websites.
- Participation in Spring Training for God's Mission. This year Commission member Deborah Gemma and The Rev, Paul Briggs presented a workshop on Creating Liturgy.
- Planning and designing Liturgy for the Spring Clergy Conference which included a Eucharist Prayer written especially for the event by the Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler, Administrative support provided by Trinity Church Seymour and the Rev. Dr. Kris Lewis as well as music provided by Surcari (Caribbean/South American fusion group led by Christ Church Cathedral musician Lorena Garay.
- Delegation of The Rev. Amy Welin to an Indaba-style conversation on same-sex marriage held in Kansas City MO under the auspices of The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SLCM) of The Episcopal Church. Leaders from across the Anglican Communion, ecumenical partners, and lay and clergy representatives from Episcopal dioceses where civil same-sex marriage is legal shared their experiences with provisional liturgies for same-sex blessings.

- Investigation and planning for possibility of commissioning a piece of art work for The Commons with input from Commons design architect Duo Dickenson
- Liturgical planning for Convention 2014, including organizing a massed choir of Children and adults for Convention Eucharist led by Fiona Sutherland of Trinity Church, Newtown.
- The development and submission of a resolution to annual Convention asking General Convention 2015 to amend Article 10 of the Constitution, making it easier to introduce trial liturgies for provisional use.
- Plans to purchase a keyboard instrument for The Commons suitable for lending for other functions of ECCT.

The Commission on Liturgy and Music welcomes input, suggestions and participation in our common work from all parishes within our diocese that we may share ideas and practices that contribute to the Mission of God in Connecticut.

Thank you to the members of the Commission that so generously give of their time and talent to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Ann M. Ritonia  
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