

PLAN FOR INTRODUCTION OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP



RENEWING WORSHIP

Welcome to **ELCIC + EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP!** For several years, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada has been a participant in RENEWING WORSHIP, a multi-year, five-phase process, undertaken by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, designed to renew the worship of the church and to produce the generation of worship resources to succeed the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Renewing Worship saw a great deal of individual and congregational participation. Thousands of people were involved: submitting original work, serving on development panels and editorial teams, attending events, testing provisional materials, visiting www.renewingworship.org and providing feedback.

Renewing Worship is resulting in a new family of resources that..

- will support worship in ELCA & ELCIC congregations regardless of size, location, style of music or ethnic background. Variety and flexibility are a significant priority.
- will be available in different formats (print, CD's, web delivery).
- will continue to unfold over time, in response to changing mission needs.
- will have at its centre a new primary book of worship intended to replace *Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW)*.

A NEW BOOK OF WORSHIP

Publication of a new book called **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** is anticipated for October, 2006. At length, **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** will be available in electronic as well as print form and will provide a "core" rather than a comprehensive collection of hymns and liturgical material.

Five resources will be available in October, 2006: Pew Edition, Ritual Leaders Edition, Desk Leaders Edition, Accompaniment Edition: Liturgies and Accompaniment Edition: Hymns.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship will include 10 musical settings of the Holy Communion and a Service of the Word; service outlines and descriptions; the complete Psalter of 150 Psalms; Luther's *Small Catechism*; over 700 hymns, songs & service music pieces; liturgies for Lent and the Great Three Days; Welcome to Baptism liturgy in addition to liturgies for Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism; Marriage, Funeral and Healing services; expanded prayer resources; Daily Prayer services (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer, Responsive Prayer); more.

PLAN FOR INTRODUCTION

The material which follows is excerpted from **Plan for Introduction of Evangelical Lutheran Worship**, a document which sets forth the process by which **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** is being introduced in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. At this relatively early stage of the evolution of this plan, much remains fluid. The Coordinators for the Canadian dimension of the Renewing Worship / Evangelical Lutheran Worship Project welcome observations and assistance from the ELCIC community. This **Plan for Introduction of Evangelical Lutheran Worship** will be adapted and will evolve with time to reflect the input and collective wisdom of our church.

1. Three people are serving as **Coordinators for the Canadian dimension of the Renewing Worship / Evangelical Lutheran Worship Project**.
 - Karen Johnson Lefsrud kjohnson@luthercourtsociety.org is a pastor and parish musician. Karen relates primarily to the ELCA worship staff, ie. to the American side of the Renewing Worship / Evangelical Lutheran Worship Project.
 - André Lavergne lavergne@telc.ca is a parish pastor and text specialist. André relates primarily to the ELCIC community, ie. to the Canadian side of the Renewing Worship / Evangelical Lutheran Worship Project.
 - Debbie Lou Ludolph ludolph@sympatico.ca is a lay person and musician. Debbie Lou's focus is on the implementation phase of the Renewing Worship / Evangelical Lutheran Worship Project, interpreting *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* to the ELCIC community.

2. Five people are serving as **Synod Resource People for Evangelical Lutheran Worship**.
 - Lorraine Reinhardt (musician; British Columbia) lorrainereinhardt@shaw.ca
 - Robyn Simpson-Mohr (campus ministry coordinator; Alberta & the Territories) rs3@augustana.ca
 - Brenda Nestegaard Paul (parish pastor and PCW member; Saskatchewan) nestpaul@sasktel.net
 - Larry Weckwerth (music teacher and parish musician; Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario) weckwert@mts.net
 - Eric Dyck (parish pastor and PCW member; Eastern) pastor@SaintJohnsLutheranMontreal.org

The five Synod Resource People for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* have agreed to:

- Attend an intensive introductory training and orientation event in Chicago (February 13-15, 2006);
- Become knowledgeable in the constellation of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* resources and in the Renewing Worship process which generated them;
- Recruit and help to prepare people to assist the Synod Resource Person in leading introductory events in their Synod;
- Provide coordination of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* introductory events working collaboratively with worship leaders and structures within their Synod;
- Liaise with Synod committees and organizations on the introduction of and potential use of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* resources;
- Encourage broad participation in the leadership of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* introductory events;
- Address inquiries and concerns related to the introduction of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* in their Synod;

- Liaise with other Synod Resource People and Seminary Resource People wherever possible.

The Synod Resource People will begin their public work following the Chicago event, February 15, 2006.

3. Two people are serving as **Seminary Resource People for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship***:

- Jann Boyd (Professor of Liturgy, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon SK) janneb@sasktel.net
- David Hall (Seminary Musician, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo ON) dhall@wlu.ca

The two Seminary Resource People for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* have agreed to:

- Attend an intensive introductory training and orientation event in Chicago (February 13-15, 2006);
- Become knowledgeable in the constellation of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* resources and in the Renewing Worship process which generated them;
- Recruit and help to prepare people to assist the Seminary Resource Person in leading introductory events in their Seminary;
- Assist seminary faculty, seminarians, pastors and other leaders in the use of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* constellation of resources;
- Liaise with Synod Resource People and the partner WLS or LTS Seminary Resource Person wherever desirable and possible.

The Seminary Resource People will begin their public work following the Chicago event, February 15, 2006.

4. Three people are providing direction and support on behalf of **Augsburg Fortress Canada**.

- Andy Seal (Canadian Director, Augsburg Fortress Canada) seala@augsbuorgfortress.org
- Jamie Courtney (Customer Service Manager, Augsburg Fortress Canada) courtneyj@augsbuorgfortress.org
- Jackie Nunns (Congregational Resource Person, Augsburg Fortress Canada) jackie.nunns@augsbuorgfortress.org

The ELCIC Project Coordinators and Augsburg Fortress Canada team are pledged to regular interaction to best insure the successful introduction of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

The Augsburg Fortress Canada team expects to be represented at the February Chicago training and orientation event and to be available as much as possible for ELCIC introductory events.

5. Objectives for the February 13-15 Chicago training and orientation event.

Debbie Lou Ludolph will lead the **Canadian delegation to the Chicago event**. The ELCIC is sponsoring a total of 8 participants in the Chicago event and is underwriting their costs. Augsburg Fortress Canada also expects to be represented. The ELCIC objectives for the Chicago event are to:

- Get people up-to-steam on the Renewing Worship Project (and Canadian participation therein) and on the resulting constellation of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* resources;

- Provide an opportunity for Canadian team-building;
- Clarify expectations, roles and responsibilities;
- Provide an overview of potential introductory events and possibilities through to the end of 2006;
- Make people familiar with the contents of the congregational *Preview Kit* (due March, 2006) including the *Sampler* to be distributed and used at Synod Conventions, Seminary events, etc.
- Prepare the 5 Synod Resource People and 2 Seminary Resource People to do their work.

6. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Introductory Events.

ELCIC introductory events will normally be led by a number of people (in some cases, a single person might take on two roles):

- A convener or “up front” person;
- A pastor or other person to speak to the pastoral and theological dimensions of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*;
- A musician able to lead in singing from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*;
- A musician able to provide keyboard and other support.

Introductory events will typically anticipate the following themes, questions, concerns among others:

- Why now?
- What’s new?
- Pastoral matters and questions
- Musicians’ concerns
- Worshippers’ needs
- Canadian participation, content and realities

7. Possible *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* **introductory events and opportunities for exposure**. All of these events and details are tentative and subject to confirmation.

- March, 2006 - Distribution of *Congregational Preview Kit*

Distribution is being effected to ELCIC congregations by Augsburg Fortress Canada. The ELCIC Project Coordinators will supply an introductory letter which will also identify the Synod and Seminary Resource People. The *Congregational Resources Kit* will include a *Sampler* of items contained in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, a CD of accompaniments to the liturgical music contained in the *Sampler*, a product brochure and listing, pricing, posters and promotional helps.

The *Sampler* itself offers various liturgical pieces from the Holy Communion liturgy, an assortment of hymns and more. The *Samplers* will be used at the 5 Synod Conventions, at the 2 spring seminary events and at the day-long event to preface the National Worship Conference.

- Spring & Fall, 2006 - Conference meetings and Pastors’ Study Conferences

Awareness-building opportunities. Sing new hymns. Sing Canadian hymns. Refer to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Refer to congregational *Preview Kit* and *Sampler*. Advertise upcoming events. Offer assistance and support of Synod

Resource Person.

- Spring/Summer, 2006 - 5 Synod conventions/assemblies

Distribute and use *Sampler*. Sing new hymns. Sing Canadian hymns. Use elements of new Holy Communion settings. Offer possibilities for worship & workshops. Refer to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Refer to congregational *Preview Kit* and *Sampler*. Advertise upcoming events. Offer assistance, support and on-site participation of Synod Resource Person. One or more members of the Augsburg Fortress Canada team will be present and offer support.

April 27-30, 2006 - BC Synod Convention, Maple Ridge BC

April 27-30, 2006 - M/NO Synod Convention, Winnipeg MB

June 8-11, 2006 - Synod of ABT Convention, Red Deer AB

July 5-9, 2006 - Eastern Synod Assembly, Waterloo ON

July 6-9, 2006 - SK Synod Convention, Prince Albert SK

- May 2-4, 2006 - Spring Study Conference and Festival at LTS

Distribute and use *Sampler*. Offer possibilities for worship, workshop(s) or track directed toward pastors & other leaders. Other? Refer to congregational *Preview Kit*. Advertise upcoming events. Offer assistance, support and on-site participation of Seminary Resource Person. One or more members of the Augsburg Fortress Canada team will be present and offer support.

- June 12-16, 2006 - Luther Hostel at WLS

Distribute and use *Sampler*. Offer possibilities for worship, workshop(s) or track directed toward pastors & other leaders. Other? Refer to congregational *Preview Kit*. Advertise upcoming events. Offer assistance, support and on-site participation of Seminary Resource Person. One or more members of the Augsburg Fortress Canada team will be present and offer support.

- July 11-12, 2006 - Pre-National Worship Conference event

This event will be oriented toward the broad community of National Worship Conference delegates and any other people who might care to participate.

Distribute and use *Sampler*. Day-long introductory events for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Full leadership team of at least 3-4 people led by ELCIC + Renewing Worship Coordinator Debbie Lou Ludolph. Options to embrace pastors, musicians, worship leaders and worshipers. Refer to congregational *Preview Kit*. One or more members of the Augsburg Fortress Canada team will be present and offer support.

- July 12-15, 2006 - National Worship Conference

Use rites and hymns from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* to the extent that is possible in an ecumenical environment. Offer assistance, support and on-site participation of ELCIC + Renewing Worship Coordinator Debbie Lou Ludolph and any other available Synod or Seminary Resource People.

- August 17-20, 2006 - Canadian Lutheran Youth Gathering

We are opening a conversation to explore possibilities.

- Fall, 2006 - Synodical introductory events

Day-long introductory events for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Full leadership team of at least 3-4 people. Options to embrace pastors, musicians, assisting ministers & other worship leaders, worshippers. Provide on-site participation of Synod Resource Person supplemented by Seminary Resource Person or Renewing Worship Coordinator where necessary. Augsburg Fortress Canada will offer support and one or more members of the Augsburg Fortress team may be present where possible. Based on the distribution and concentration of ELCIC congregations, 14 venues are proposed for introductory events for 2006 with the possibility of additional events and locations in 2007.

The projected 2006 venues currently include Vancouver, Kelowna, Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, London, Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax.

- Fall, 2006 - Seminary introductory events

Day-long introductory events. Full leadership team of at least 3-4 people including on-site participation of Seminary Resource Person. Augsburg Fortress Canada will offer support and one or more members of the Augsburg Fortress team may be present where possible. Options to embrace faculty, seminarians, pastors, musicians, assisting ministers and other congregational worship leaders.

- October 31 (or near Sunday) - Reformation Celebrations

WLS, LTS, and any other interested venues. Provide on-site participation of Seminary Resource People at WLS and LTS. Offer assistance, support and on-site presence of Synod Resource people or Renewing Worship Coordinators in other venues where possible. Hope to have copies of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* in hand (at least at the seminaries).

- More to Come in 2007

8. **Pricing** for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

Canadian pricing for resources to be available October, 2006, is anticipated as follows:

- Pew Edition - \$24. (\$21. if ordered by September 30, 2006)
- Ritual Leaders Edition - \$168.
- Desk Leaders Edition - \$48.
- Accompaniment Edition: Liturgies - \$66.
- Accompaniment Edition: Hymns - \$66.

A variety of resources (offering envelopes, bookplates, etc.) will be forthcoming in the March, 2006, *Congregational Preview Kits* to assist congregations to plan for and invest in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.