

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR WORSHIP

*A Standing Committee of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*

PREPARATION OF APPROVED WORSHIP RESOURCES

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According to its mandate, “The PCW recommends policies and develops standards and resources for worship.” With respect to the preparation of worship resources, Bishop Schultz has requested that the PCW propose a process whereby rites and related materials might be approved for use in the ELCIC. This will be especially important in connection with the reception and approval of Renewing Worship materials.

(Note: At the inception of the ELCIC, the crafting, editing and approval of liturgical materials was vested in the national worship committee and parent Division for Parish Life. The latter body no longer has an equivalent in the present ELCIC structure.)

In connection with the preparation of worship resources, the PCW undertakes a process in several stages, as follows:

- A. A draft resource is received by the PCW, prepared in collaboration with the PCW, prepared by the PCW or prepared at the direction of the PCW.
- B. The draft resource is circulated for critical comment and evaluation to
 1. Members of the PCW;
 2. competent Lutheran and ecumenical liturgical scholars;
 3. potential ELCIC users;
 4. the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada.
- C. Depending on the nature of the resource, a resource may, at this stage, be authorized for provisional or trial use in the ELCIC upon the recommendation of the PCW and approval of National Church Council.
- D. A revised rite is prepared taking into account such critical comment and evaluation as has been received.
- E. If necessary, further critical comment and evaluation may be sought as at B. above.
- F. A final draft of the worship resource is prepared by the PCW. The resource may be approved for use in the ELCIC upon the recommendation of the PCW and approval of the National Church Council.