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Welcome to ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP! The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is a participant in RENEWING WORSHIP, a multi-year, five-phase process, undertaken by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, designed to produce the generation of worship resources to succeed the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

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While our participation in the ELCA's RENEWING WORSHIP project is a substantial, welcome and happy witness in its own right, we are further blessed with the collaboration and commitment of many gifted people from across the ELCIC.

PROJECT COORDINATORS

In 2001, Bishop Telmor Sartison invited Pastors Karen Johnson-Lefsrud (Victoria, BC) and André Lavergne (New Hamburg, ON) to shepherd the ELCIC dimension of RENEWING WORSHIP. Both have long been associated with the national worship work of the ELCIC.

CONSULTATION ON PRINCIPLES FOR WORSHIP

Four ELCIC delegates participated in a year of meetings designed to establish those "principles for worship" which would govern the creation of worship resources and inform the worship life of Lutherans in North America. The four ELCIC representatives at the *Consultation on Principles for Worship* were Jann Boyd (Saskatoon, SK; preaching), Lawrence Haave (Delta, BC; environment for worship), Karen Johnson-Lefsrud (Victoria, BC; music) and André Lavergne (New Hamburg, ON; language and culture). It is these four ELCIC members who drafted a recommendation, accepted by National Church Council, that the ELCIC be involved beyond the *Principles for Worship* phase as participants in the breadth of the RENEWING WORSHIP project.

EDITORIAL TEAMS & DEVELOPMENT PANELS

Some twenty-six people have been asked to serve the church as members of development panels or editorial teams. The development panels are made up of about 25 people each. The panels provide a vehicle for broad consultation on specific areas of the RENEWING WORSHIP project. The editorial teams, composed of only 6 or 7 members each, are revising and developing proposed worship materials based on suggestions and feedback from the development panels. The work of the editorial teams will issue in further feedback from the development panels and in the creation and publication of trial-use resources from 2001 through early 2005. ELCIC representation on the development panels and editorial teams follows:

HOLY BAPTISM AND RELATED RITES

Pastor Donald Johnson (Victoria, BC), Pastor Paul Johnson (Winnipeg, MB) and Mr. Clement Mehlman (Halifax, NS) serve on the development panel. A trial-use resource is due in June of 2002.

RITES RELATED TO LIFE PASSAGES

Pastor Thomas Graham (Saint John, NB) and Pastor Andrew Paulsen (Cambridge, ON) serve on the development panel. A trial-use resource is due in the Fall of 2002.

NEW HYMNODY

Ms. Margaret Harms (Calgary, AB), Ms. Debbie Lou Ludolph & Pastor Fred Ludolph (Eden Mills, ON) and Mr. Jonathan Mohr and Ms. Robyn Mohr (Camrose, AB) serve on the development panel. Pastor Karen Johnson-Lefsrud (Victoria, BC) serves on the editorial team. A trial-use resource is due in the Spring of 2003.

HOLY COMMUNION AND RELATED RITES

Pastor Jann Boyd (Saskatoon, SK), Pastor Volker Greifenhagen (Regina, SK), Pastor Harry Maier (Delta, BC) and Bishop Michael Pryse (Kitchener, ON) serve on the development panel. Pastor James Brown (Waterloo, ON) is serving on the editorial team. A trial-use resource is due in the Spring of 2004.

PROPER AND SEASONAL RITES

Pastor Paul Bosch (Waterloo, ON), Pastor Eric Dyck (Montreal, QC) and Pastor Brenda Nestegaard Paul (Biggar, SK) have been invited to serve on the development panel. A trial-use resource is due in the Fall of 2004.

DAILY PRAYER, PSALMS AND CANTICLES

Pastor Claudine Carlson (Burlington, ON), Pastor Mark Harris (Kitchener, ON) and Pastor Lyle McKenzie (Camrose, AB) have been invited to serve on the development panel. A trial-use resource is due in the Fall of 2004.

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mr. Darryl Dewalt & Ms. Joy-Anne Murphy (Camrose, AB), Pastor Mark Ehlebracht (Williamsburg, ON) and Mr. Larry Weckwerth (Winnipeg, MB) have been invited to serve on the development panel. Trial-use resources will be published in volumes related to the other focus areas.

HELPFUL WEB SITES

Lift Up Your Hearts (ELCIC worship site) ~ www.worship.ca
Renewing Worship (ELCA site) ~ www.renewingworship.org
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada ~ www.elcic.ca
Augsburg Fortress Canada ~ www.afcanada.com

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