

CALL FOR NEW HYMNS



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*.

INVITATION

As part of the RENEWING WORSHIP process, the New Hymnody editorial team is seeking submissions of original congregational song. The team is looking for hymns and songs, whether published or unpublished, that exemplify some or all of the criteria identified in the ELCA's proposed *Principles for Worship*, especially the sections "Language and the Christian Assembly" and "Music and the Christian Assembly." The complete *Principles for Worship* document is available online at <www.renewingworship.org>.

IMPORTANT CRITERIA

- + Language and music invite the assembly's active participation, and the song is oriented primarily to assembly use.
- + A broad variety of genres and styles, both musical and linguistic, is welcomed. Hymns and songs from many points of origin around the world are included in this variety.
- + Well-crafted examples of words and music within each particular genre or style are welcomed.
- + The liturgical year, the Sunday assembly around word and sacrament, and the three-year lectionary are primary organizing principles for hymnody. The working group has begun to identify some particular needs in these areas, such as Lenten hymnody that is more baptismal than penitential; hymns for the Easter season; hymns related to eucharist, baptism, healing, forgiveness; congregational song that supports accents of the three-year lectionary that are absent in previous hymn repertoire. Other submissions and suggestions are also welcomed.
- + Themes of life in relationship to God, human community, and creation are also subjects for hymnody. Again, the editorial team has begun to identify themes of special interest, such as stewardship of creation; a wide range of life passages; public life; lament; the word of God; the saints; and hymns of praise and adoration that use an expanded range of imagery for God. Other themes and topics are also welcomed.

- + The assembly's repertoire is more likely to include hymns and songs that have multiple possibilities for use across the year and in a variety of circumstances than those that have a narrow range of usefulness.

A FEW RULES

- + Text, music, or both may be submitted. Submitted tunes should include an accompaniment that encourages singing and is appropriate to the style (unless the music is intended for unaccompanied singing).
- + Please place contact information of the person submitting the material in the upper right corner of each item submitted (including address, telephone number and e-mail address). If the material is copyrighted, please include all copyright information on the first page of each submission.
- + Submissions must be received by Karen Johnson-Lefsrud, ELCIC Project Coordinator and New Hymnody editorial team member, by Monday, June 24, 2002.
- + Submissions will be acknowledged upon receipt. We are grateful to all who might participate in giving expression to the church's song. Those submitting items that are selected for further consideration for inclusion in RENEWING WORSHIP resources will receive a follow-up contact by January 31, 2003.
- + Please direct submissions to:

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Victoria, BC V8N 5C7.

PLEASE HELP!

Please direct this *Call for New Hymns* to any and all poets, musicians and people in positions of leadership, to encourage broad participation in ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP. Your thoughtful participation will help people across our church to see —and hear!— themselves reflected in the new resources born of RENEWING WORSHIP.

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
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ~ www.elca.org
Augsburg Fortress Canada ~ www.afcanada.com

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