

## AUTHORIZED RESOURCES ~ FALL, 2002



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*.

### TRIAL-USE RESOURCES AUTHORIZED

As part of the RENEWING WORSHIP process, a number of trial-use resources are being prepared for evaluation and comment within the ELCA and ELCIC. At the September, 2002, meeting of the ELCIC's National Church Council, the following recommendation from the Program Committee for Worship was adopted: that RENEWING WORSHIP resources published between 2001 and 2005 be authorized for trial use and evaluation in the ELCIC through 2005.

### VOLUME 1: CONGREGATIONAL SONG: PROPOSALS FOR RENEWAL

Some eighty hymns, many of them reproducible for use in guides-to-worship, present various possibilities for the renewal and revision of the treasured tradition of the church's song. *Congregational Song* is available online at [www.renewingworship.org/publications/congregational\\_song/](http://www.renewingworship.org/publications/congregational_song/) and in book form as *Renewing Worship 1: Congregational Song: Proposals for Renewal* from Augsburg Fortress. This volume is a wonderful resource for study by congregational worship teams, musicians, choirs and other groups.

### VOLUME 2: PRINCIPLES FOR WORSHIP

Throughout 2001 four consultation groups met around the following topics: language, music, preaching and environment for worship. Guided by the ELCA's *The Use of the Means of Grace* (1997) —broader and more detailed than the ELCIC's *Statement on Sacramental Practices* (1991)— the consultations developed *Principles for Worship* for study and response, available online at [www.renewingworship.org/publications/principles\\_for\\_worship/](http://www.renewingworship.org/publications/principles_for_worship/) and in book form as *Renewing Worship 2: Principles for Worship* from Augsburg Fortress. This volume makes a terrific study resource for congregational worship teams, pastors' groups, councils and adult study groups.

### VOLUME 3: HOLY BAPTISM AND RELATED RITES

The third volume in the RENEWING WORSHIP series is called *Holy Baptism and Related Rites* and is now available from Augsburg Fortress. The material is also available online at [www.renewingworship.org/publications/holy\\_baptism/](http://www.renewingworship.org/publications/holy_baptism/). Look for rites and resources related to (1) Holy Baptism, (2) Formation in Faith Related

to Holy Baptism, (3) Affirmation of Baptism, (4) Formation in Faith Related to Affirmation of Baptism and (5) Confession and Forgiveness. Permission has been granted to reproduce the material for congregational use in worship and study.

*Holy Baptism and Related Rites* represents the first opportunity for ELCIC congregations to experience and evaluate rites which may shape our people and communities over the next several decades. As with all of the RENEWING WORSHIP resources, evaluation tools are provided both in print and online.

### FUTURE RENEWING WORSHIP RESOURCES

Future trial-use resources will include volumes on *Rites Related to Life Passages* (due out this fall), *New Hymnody* (due in 2003), *Holy Communion and Related Rites*, *The Church's Year: Propers and Seasonal Rites*, and *Daily Prayer* (all due in 2004) and *Ministry and the Church's Life* (due in 2005).

### ADDITIONAL NEWLY-AUTHORIZED RESOURCES

At its September meeting, the ELCIC's National Church Council adopted two additional important recommendations from the ELCIC's Program Committee for Worship.

1. Recently published by the international and ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts, *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* includes the work of a number of Canadian contributors, the ELCIC's André Lavergne among them. The prayers expand upon our options at the time of the Prayer of the Day and Prayers of the People and are keyed to the Revised Common Lectionary. National Church Council has authorized *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* for trial use and evaluation in the ELCIC through 2005. Available now from Augsburg Fortress.
2. The Anglican Church of Canada has recently translated four of their *Book of Alternative Services* rites into French: Holy Eucharist, Holy Baptism, Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage and the Funeral Liturgy. These rites have been reviewed by French-speaking Lutherans at the request of the ELCIC's Program Committee for Worship. They were determined to be very well done. It is contemplated that one edition of the rites will see the English and French texts published in parallel for community use. National Church Council has authorized the four translated *Book of Alternative Services* rites for use in the ELCIC. We expect them to be available shortly from the Anglican Book Centre, Toronto.

### ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP WEB SITE

For complete details related to the ELCIC's participation in RENEWING WORSHIP, look to the ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP <<http://www.worship.ca/renew.html>> page at the ELCIC's internationally acclaimed Lift Up Your Hearts <[www.worship.ca/](http://www.worship.ca/)> web site.

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