

CALL FOR NEW SETTINGS



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*.

COMPETITION FOR NEW MUSICAL SETTINGS

A competition has been established for composition of new musical settings of the communion liturgy. Melodies are being sought for specific parts of the communion liturgy that are flexible and durable enough to cross a wide variety of cultural traditions and musical styles. Composers must be able to demonstrate how the melodies might be adapted to a variety of musical styles in keeping with the submission guidelines.

1. Guidelines should be reviewed *carefully*. They are available in detail at http://www.renewingworship.org/participate/competitions/liturgical_music/.
2. Initial ELCIC submissions must be received by Karen Johnson-Lefsrud, ELCIC Project Coordinator, by Friday, April 25, for forwarding to Chicago by Thursday, May 1, 2003.
3. Composers whose compositions are selected will be expected to complete additional parts of the communion liturgy by August 31, 2003. A prize of \$5,000 will be offered for each selected complete liturgy. Up to two prizes may be offered. Submissions will be acknowledged when received. Those persons submitting items that are selected for further consideration for inclusion in RENEWING WORSHIP resources will receive a follow-up contact no later than June 15, 2003.
4. ELCIC submissions should be directed to:

The Rev. Karen Johnson-Lefsrud,
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4222 Lynnfield Crescent,
Victoria, BC V8N 5C7.

TRIAL-USE RESOURCES AUTHORIZED FOR ELCIC USE

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. Four volumes have been published to date. See below. Following a recommendation by the Program Committee for Worship, the ELCIC's National Church Council authorized RENEWING WORSHIP resources published between 2001 and 2005 for trial use and evaluation in the ELCIC through 2005.

NEW VOLUME PUBLISHED ~ LIFE PASSAGES: MARRIAGE, HEALING, FUNERAL

Volume 4 in the RENEWING WORSHIP series is called *Life Passages: Marriage, Healing, Funeral* and is now available from Augsburg Fortress Canada <<http://www.afcanada.com>>. The material is also available online at <http://www.renewingworship.org/publications/life_passages/>. Previous volumes include *Congregational Song: Proposals for Renewal* (v.1), *Principles for Worship* (v. 2) and *Holy Baptism and Related Rites* (v. 3). Available from Augsburg Fortress Canada. Future trial-use resources will include volumes on *New Hymnody* (2003), *Holy Communion and Related Rites*, *The Church's Year: Propers and Seasonal Rites*, and *Daily Prayer* (all 2004) and *Ministry and the Church's Life* (2005).

HELPFUL HYMN INDEX CREATED

A combined hymn index for rites included in *Holy Baptism and Related Rites* and *Life Passages* has been compiled using Augsburg Fortress's *Hymns for Worship* CD-ROM. The index is available online at <http://www.renewingworship.org/publications/life_passages/PDF/hymn_chart.pdf>.

EVALUATION WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED

RENEWING WORSHIP trial-use volumes each contain materials for congregational study and response (*Principles for Worship*) or review and evaluation (other volumes). ELCIC individuals and communities are encouraged to participate in any and all aspects of the evaluation of trial-use materials. To simplify the process, the complete collection of evaluation forms is available online at <<http://www.renewingworship.org/evaluate/>>.

ADDITIONAL NEWLY-AUTHORIZED RESOURCES

The ELCIC's National Church Council has authorized two additional items for ELCIC use:

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 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. Authorized for use through 2005. Available from Augsburg Fortress Canada <<http://www.afcanada.com>>.
2. The Anglican Church of Canada has 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 and authorized by NCC for ELCIC use. We expect the rites to be available from the Anglican Book Centre <<http://www.anglicanbookcentre.com>> in 2003. The texts are currently available online at <<http://montreal.anglican.org/francais/>>.

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 <<http://www.worship.ca>> web site. ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP ~ 6 (this document) appears there as a PDF file in which all of the embedded web and e-mail links are live!

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