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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 renew the worship of the church and to produce the generation of worship resources to succeed the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 30: DAILY PRAYER

At its initial meeting in October, 2002, the editorial team developed a trajectory for daily prayer that begins with the core of the prayer of the Christian in daily life, expands to simple forms of communal prayer, and finds a more seasonal and occasional elaboration in assembly rites of daily prayer. In addition, they identified a number of particularly Lutheran contributions to the theology, piety, and practice of daily prayer that may be fruitful for further development; for example, daily baptismal remembrance, the theology of vocation, the importance of hymnody, and the centrality of Christ in the scriptures. Pastor Claudine Carlson (Burlington, ON), Pastor Mark Harris (Kitchener, ON) and Pastor Lyle McKenzie (Victoria, BC) served on the development panel.

This editorial team has worked closely with The Church's Year and Liturgical Music editorial teams. *Daily Prayer*, the seventh volume in the RENEWING WORSHIP series will be available September 30 from Augsburg Fortress Canada.

AVAILABLE OCTOBER 15: THE CHURCH'S YEAR - PROPERS AND SEASONAL RITES

Meeting for the first time in October, 2002, The Church's Year editorial team has prepared new, revised, and ecumenical propers, calendar, prayers, and seasonal rites, including rites for Lent and Holy Week. 2003 meetings were held in March, June, and October. Proposed materials have been sent to the development panel for review. Pastor Paul Bosch, CWA (Waterloo, ON), Pastor Eric Dyck (Montreal, QC) and Pastor Brenda Nestegaard Paul (Biggar, SK) serve on the development panel. *The Church's Year*, the eighth volume in the RENEWING WORSHIP series will be available October 15 from Augsburg Fortress Canada.

AVAILABLE NOW: HOLY COMMUNION AND RELATED RITES

This sixth volume in the RENEWING WORSHIP series focuses on the patterns of the people of God as they gather in the primary weekly assembly to worship God in the proclamation of the word and the celebration of the sacraments. In addition to the presentation of an annotated shape of the rite and a body of core as well as supplemental texts, this resource includes samples of newly composed music for the rite. Two examples of communion liturgies incorporate settings by different composers of acclamations for the word and meal portions. Other service music options are presented in a separate section, from which worship planners can select appropriate choices. Several outlined examples illustrate how different options can shape the liturgy for particular occasions.

Pastor James Brown (Waterloo, ON) served on the editorial team for *Holy Communion and Related Rites* while Pastor Jann Boyd (Saskatoon, SK), Pastor Volker Greifenhagen (Regina, SK), Pastor Harry Maier (Delta, BC) and Bishop Michael Pryse (Kitchener, ON) served on the development panel.

Holy Communion and Related Rites is presented primarily as a study volume, but is also intended to serve as a worship leader's edition. *Holy Communion and Related Rites* is now available from Augsburg Fortress Canada.

Two additional volumes have been developed to provide a "pew" edition and an accompaniment edition.

AVAILABLE NOW: PEW EDITION - RENEWING WORSHIP LITURGIES

This pew version, *Renewing Worship Liturgies*, contains texts and melodies for the liturgies of *Holy Communion and Related Rites*. In addition, a congregational order for baptism is included, along with selected musical acclamations for baptism and life passages (marriage, healing, funeral). The *Pew Edition* is now available from Augsburg Fortress Canada.

AVAILABLE NOW: RENEWING WORSHIP LITURGIES - ACCOMPANIMENT EDITION

This landscape *Accompaniment Edition* contains complete musical options for *Holy Communion and Related Rites* and for *Renewing Worship Liturgies*. Some of the newly commissioned Renewing Worship music is designed with melodies that can be accompanied in a variety of musical styles, such as: organ; organ with instruments and vocal descants; piano; piano with bass, guitar, and drums; and gospel piano. This volume, containing all the varied accompaniments for the music, is an important tool for trying and evaluating the Renewing Worship proposal of "multipurpose melodies." The *Accompaniment Edition* is now available as is a recording of music from *Holy Communion and Related Rites*.

PARTICIPATION IN ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP

All trial-use resources can be ordered from Augsburg Fortress Canada <www.afcanada.com>. Rites and other materials are also available for download from the Internet. Individuals, study groups, church leaders and others are invited to use and to evaluate these resources; to see how they work in the life of our communities; to reflect on the material; and to offer comments and suggestions to the Renewing Worship team either at <www.renewingworship.org> or by returning the forms in the published volumes.

There are many opportunities to participate in ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP at many levels. Two ELCIC pastors are members of the editorial teams and over 30 ELCIC pastors and lay people are members of the development panels.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

We invite the people of the ELCIC to explore our participation in RENEWING WORSHIP. The ELCIC's *Lift Up Your Hearts* worship and spirituality web site <www.worship.ca> offers an area dedicated to ELCIC + RENEWING WORSHIP, the Canadian dimension of the RENEWING WORSHIP project. The ELCA's RENEWING WORSHIP website <www.renewingworship.org> is the principal project web site. It provides a comprehensive overview, a large number of downloadable trial-use resources, together with detailed and current progress reports on all aspects of RENEWING WORSHIP.

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