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Resolution A053:

Authorize Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation

Talking Points

Resolves:

That the 77th General Convention authorize Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation, found in the Blue Book report of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, for use in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music consider these liturgical materials for inclusion in a revised edition of *The Book of Occasional Services*.

Explanation:

These materials respond to the desire for liturgical materials for a season of creation as expressed in resolutions proposed to the 76th General Convention. Rather than establishing a season of creation, these liturgical texts allow congregations and other groups to honor God in creation in a variety of contexts. While the Book of Occasional Services is being revised, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music proposes to make these texts available electronically.

Key Points

- ☛ These materials are developed from an Anglican perspective:
 - ☛ resonating with Scripture
 - ☛ rooted in Anglican theological tradition
 - ☛ reflecting Anglican liturgical sensibilities, such as formal, metaphoric language with high literary value
- ☛ As a church with a *Book of Common Prayer*, we value authorized liturgical materials. The quality and theological coherence of materials available in print and online varies significantly.
- ☛ All of these proposed materials are for optional use.

Specifics about this resolution on authorizing liturgical materials for honoring God in Creation:

- ☛ It was developed in consultation with Executive Council Committee on Science, Technology, and Faith, these materials reflect contemporary scientific understandings, including scientific principles of adaptation and natural selection.
- ☛ The materials refer to the vast diversity of creation, elements that bring joy and delight as well as those that are challenging and uncomfortable.



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- The propers are intended for use in a variety of contexts other than the principal Sunday service; they are not intended to replace any portion of the Sunday lectionary.
 - The Prayers of the People and Confession of Sin conform to the rubrics for Holy Eucharist and can be used at any liturgy, including Sunday worship.
 - The Rogation Day materials expand what is available in *The Book of Occasional Services*.
 - "A Liturgy in Thanksgiving for Creation and in Honor of the Feast of St. Francis" provides material in response to the growing popularity of the blessing of animals.
 - It responds to two resolutions referred to the SCLM by the 76th General Convention (2009), one from a deputy (2009-D001) and one from the Diocese of New Jersey (2009-C034).

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