



## Liturgical Renewal for Transformative Worship ACSA Liturgical Committee

### Revising APB 1989 Developing a Prayer Book for Southern Africa Today In an African Voice – Under Southern Skies

1 November 2016

#### *Celebrating Sunday* launched at ACSA Provincial September Synod 2016

After three years of intensive work, the ACSA Liturgical Committee through the work of its Prayer Book Revision Sub-Committee presented *Celebrating Sunday*, a collection of Experimental, Supplemental Liturgical Resources approved by the Synod of Bishops for Trial Use through September 2017.

The ACSA Liturgical Committee and its Sub-Committees on Lectionary and on Prayer Book Revision met from Friday 6 May to Saturday 14 May.



#### Introducing *Celebrating Sunday* to the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**THE FIRST STEP** is to ensure that everyone in ACSA is aware of these materials.

To make this happen we are calling on

- The Bishops of ACSA**
- The Diocesan Link Representatives**
- The Diocesan Link Persons**
- The Diocesan Media Staff-person**
- Members of the ACSA Liturgical Committee**
- Members of the Prayer Book Revision Sub-Committee**

to urge the Clergy and those involved in the leadership of Parish Worship to purchase copies of *Celebrating Sunday*, Some Bishops have already ordered copies to give or sell to their clergy directly.

**THE NEXT STEP** is to facilitate familiarity with this resource.

This can be done in several ways:

- including information and comments about *Celebrating Sunday* by the Bishop in the Bishop's communication with the clergy and the people of the Diocese: in *ad clerums*, etc.;
- promoting *Celebrating Sunday* in Diocesan newsletters;
- presenting and discussing *Celebrating Sunday* at Clergy Forums, Clergy Schools, Archdeaconry Chapters and Archdeaconry meetings, etc.;
- offering training sessions for the Regional Clusters of Dioceses that the Liturgical Committee organised at the Consultation and Training in 2015;
- displaying the Poster/advert for available from  
The Revd Canon Cynthia Botha  
Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Publishing Committee  
Tel: 011 375-2708/9 email [orders@anglicanchirchsa.org.za](mailto:orders@anglicanchirchsa.org.za)  
**R125 each**, including a CD with all the texts of the congregational responses.
- introducing materials from *Celebrating Sunday* in the Sunday liturgies during Advent this year.

## **Launching Trial Use of *Celebrating Sunday* March-August 2017**

While Clergy and Congregations are encouraged to begin using resources from *Celebrating Sunday* immediately, the period of monitored **Trial Use** will be between March and August 2017.

Detailed plans for implementing **Trial Use** during this period will be made available after the meeting of the Prayer Book Revision Secretariat at the end of January 2017.

**Details for implementing Trial Use** will be sent to everyone receiving this Communiqué. In addition they will also be posted on the Anglican Church of Southern Africa website.

These will include

- criteria for selecting a parish for **Trial Use**;
- responsibilities and commitments of the clergy and people of parishes signing up for **Trial Use**;
- suggestions of ways to use *Celebrating Sunday* during the period of **Trial Use**;
- ways to communicate feedback, comments and suggestions to the Prayer Book Revision Secretariat.

## **At this time *Celebrating Sunday* is available only in English**

Unfortunately, given the resources at our disposal, *Celebrating Sunday* is only available in English at this time. Of course, Dioceses that have the resources to make it or parts of it available in the language most used among them are encouraged to do so. We urge those who are able to do this to share the results of their work with the Committee by sending them to The Revd Canon Cynthia Botha at the address given above.

## **A 'New' Prayer Book**

The ACSA Liturgical Committee has become aware that there is a widespread assumption that a 'new' Prayer Book is being produced and it is available now.

Many of those placing orders for *Celebrating Sunday* have done so assuming that it is the '**New' Prayer Book**

We are calling upon you, all the Bishops and everyone involved in liturgy and the leadership of worship, to help correct this misunderstanding.

Expecting a **New Prayer Book** is an appropriate eagerness that we welcome – however, such an expectation will only be met after many years of hard work.

We are involved in a *process* of revising *APB 1989* – a process that will require the involvement of the whole Church, much work, and many years. During those years the Liturgical Committee will be producing several supplemental liturgical resources authorised for experimental, trial use.

These supplemental resources will be the result of a process of wide consultation among the people of ACSA and will reflect the diverse styles of worship common to our Church while maintain the characteristic features of Anglican Worship.

The ACSA Liturgical Committee looks forward to continued communication with you and with eagerness anticipates your involvement in this exciting and historic process of Revision and Renewal.

**The Prayer Book Revision Sub-Committee  
of the ACSA Liturgical Committee  
All Saints Day 2016**