

General Synod 2015

Report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee - Secunder's Speech

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Your Grace

As the 'new kid on the block' in the Liturgical Advisory Committee, having been co-opted since the last General Synod, there are three areas of the Committee's work that seem to me to have particular importance for the worshipping life of our parishes, cathedrals and other institutions such as colleges and schools.

Our chairman, Bishop Harold Miller's publication of *Week of all Weeks* will serve to enhance worshippers' liturgical experience during Holy Week and Easter. We commend these resources for use across the Church of Ireland.

The second important piece of work carried out in the last year was the production of liturgical material for use in connection with worship and public events to do with the First World War centenaries and the forthcoming 1916 commemorations in the Republic of Ireland. It is hoped that the latter, soon to be available on the worship page of the Church of Ireland website, will be a useful resource for such occasions.

The Consultation Day referred to in the report took place in Church of Ireland House, Dublin on Monday 27th April. This was with a view to getting information on what, if any, liturgical material and structure is being used in specialist areas of ministry, particularly those involved in outreach programmes outside of normal parish worship patterns. The meeting with representatives of *Cafe*

Church (Magheralin Parish, Dollingstown), *Icon* Church Plant (Dublin), Messy Church Ireland and Saint Anne's Cathedral (Belfast) have given the committee much food for thought which will be taken up at our residential meeting next November.

One thing that became clear to me from attending my first few meetings, especially those of the Resources sub-group, is that the committee is there to serve the ever changing liturgical needs of the church as they arise. It is important then that we receive requests for liturgical resources for particular issues and events that might help us meet such needs.

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