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UPDATE #11

A PRAYER BOOK FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA  
TOMORROW - TODAY  
*Under Southern Skies – In an African Voice*

*Celebrating Sunday*

**Trial Use Period**

**Eastertide 2017**

**16 April-4 June 2017**

*Celebrating Sunday* was received with acclaim by Provincial Synod in September 2016. Seasonal materials for the Eucharist, a Service of the Word and Seasonal Evening Prayer were provided for Advent through the Day of Pentecost.

The period of **Monitored Trial Use** of these materials, authorised by the Synod of Bishops, will be during **Eastertide 2017 [16 April to 4 June]**.

Between the 10 February and the end of Lent provides ample time for Diocesan preparation for the period of Trial Use.

The *Prayer Book Revision Secretariat* has communicated the protocols for the Trial Use Period directly with the Bishops, the Deans and Senior Priests, and the Diocesan Link Representatives and Link Persons.

It is the hope of the Secretariat that the *Diocesan Link Representatives* [DLRs] and *Diocesan Link Persons* [DLPs] will meet as soon as possible to identify three Trial Use Parishes [TUPs] in their Diocese and to work with the DLRs and DLPs in their Cluster to plan a *Cluster Workshop – Orientation Day* that will prepare the Rectors and Worship Teams for Trial Use. The workshop can be offered in each Diocese in the Cluster or, if convenient, to a group of Dioceses. **The workshop must be offered by 7 April, 2017 at the latest.**

The Rectors and Worship Leaders of the official Trial Use Parishes will need to attend the *Cluster Workshop – Orientation Day*. The Clusters of Dioceses were set up at the First ACSA Consultation and Training held in 2015:

1. Namibia, Angola, Kimberly and Kuruman
2. Saldana Bay, George, Cape Town, False Bay, St Helena
3. Port Elizabeth, Khahlamba, Grahamstown, Mbhashe
4. Free State, Mthata, Lesotho, Umzimvubu
5. Matlosane, Pretoria, Johannesburg, St Mark
6. Christ the King, Highveld, Mphumalanga, Swaziland
7. Zululand, Niassa, Lebombo, Natal

A member of the ACSA Prayer Book Revision Sub-Committee has been assigned to support each Diocese in this initiative.

The purpose of the one-day Cluster Workshop is to:

- expose participants in the Workshop to *Celebrating Sunday* materials,
- and prepare the participants in the Workshop to facilitate the monitored Trial Use of *Celebrating Sunday* in your Diocese.

*Celebrating Sunday* has only been made available in English. Please explore the possibility of having the materials translated into your local languages, and making the translations available to the Prayer Book Revision Secretariat at [prayerbookrevision@gmail.com](mailto:prayerbookrevision@gmail.com).

*The Rectors of TUPs* will be asked to complete an online survey at the end of the Trial Use period. The Survey will become available on 5 June and needs to be completed by 30 June 2017: *Celebrating Sunday Rector's Survey*.

*DLRs, DLPs, Parish Worship Leaders and Parishioners* will be invited to complete a separate online survey. This survey will also be available on 5 June and needs to be completed by 30 June 2017: *Celebrating Sunday Congregational Survey*.

The success of this Trial Use period will largely depend upon the support of the Bishop, the Clergy, lay people involved in worship and the Diocesan structures in every Diocese. We look forward to the enthusiastic involvement of all in ACSA to advance this significant and historic project.

Please submit any comments or suggestions as you engage this process to [prayerbookrevision@gmail.com](mailto:prayerbookrevision@gmail.com)

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