Liturgy Reality Check: A Worship Clinic

With **Bill Kervin**

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Toward daring discipleship

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The worship clinic is an opportunity to reflect on your experience as a worship leader in ministry.

While this is an opportunity for those early in their ministries to reflect together, the clinic is open as an occasion for anyone at any stage of ministry to come and to share the joys, frustrations, insights and questions about worship and liturgy with others also in ministry. What are the challenges, learnings and opportunities that are born when 'classroom assumptions meet the particularities of congregational cultures?"

INFORMATION: Workshop fee \$80.00, includes lunch. Two or more participants from one congregation receive a 15% discount and students are half price.

Deadline for registration October 31, 2011.

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The Iona community: "a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship." Wild Goose resources and publications is a project of the Iona Community, to enable and equip congregations and congregational ministries "in the shaping and creation of new forms of relevant, participative worship."

http://www.iona.org.uk/index.php

Lift up your hearts: A comprehensive directory of worship resource sites offered through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

(http://www.worship.ca/)
http://www.worship.ca/sec4.html

The Worship Well: An online community for sharing and creating fresh, innovative worship resources in the Episcopal Church.

http://www.theworshipwell.org/

Worship ways: A site offered by the United Church of Christ.

http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/

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What a beautiful thing, GOD, to give thanks, to sing an anthem to you, the High God!

To announce your love each daybreak, sing your faithful presence all through the night..

Psalm 92:1-2

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

alternativeworship.org changing church in a changing culture

This online site was created to facilitate the networking and the resourcing of communities and individuals interested in alternative worship and emerging church worldwide. It's goal is to enable the creation of new forms of church.



The site hosts an extensive section of links to various types of worship resources, including music and video. It also links to various portals, networks, publications and other miscellaneous websites and resources.

Here one finds a beginners guide for those who are just starting to think about alternative worship, including a helpful definition of 'alternative worship'.

They also offer suggestions on building a team, finding church support and venues and many of the practical aspects of equipment, layout, safety, worship structure and resources.

Gathered for Worship: A Sourcebook for Worship Committees, Leaders, and Teams.

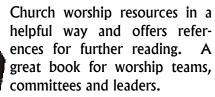
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"I am convinced that we need to find more ways to have conversations about worship at every available opportunity... the more we converse about, reflect upon, and educate ourselves about our liturgical life, the more our engagement in it can be deepened, enriched, and renewed." (pp17,18)

In this book, Kerwin provides the church with a means of enabling this conversation.

He covers a wide variety of topics including worship space, patterns for worship, technology and worship, worship with seniors and worship with youth. He offers reflections on worship and the meaning of worship.

In small short offerings and reflections he gives both food for thought and questions to help committees and leaders to reflect upon and discuss their contexts. He introduces the United





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The Liturgy Project seeks to gather together the rich resources being developed in churches and by individuals that are otherwise accessible only to a small constituency, and make them widely available to inspire, stimulate and nurture the wider church.

The project is in the process of contacting churches and individuals in order to collect a wide variety of litanies, music resources, dramas, chants, and art and design concepts.

Now that many of the materials are in hand, they are being organized in order to be made available to the wider church. Some are being published on the website, others will come in printed, CD, or DVD form.

This is an ongoing project. The project plans to offer regional workshops (probably in the U.S.) and on-site consulting to enable church leaders to use these materials most effectively.