

HIV and Aids Network
Member churches in the Lutheran World Federation
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LITURGICAL CELEBRATION - WORLD AIDS DAY

Sunday 4 December 2016

HIV NETWORK - LAC

Motto: *God will defend the weak and clothe them with his righteousness.*



LITURGY OF ENTRY

Site setting and preparation:

- Provide a welcoming environment where all people can feel accepted, loved, safe and free to express their feelings (elements: candles, flowers, cross, bible, large ribbon and lapel ribbon with the symbol of the fight against AIDS, Large mirror, colored papers, pens, etc.)
- Include images and materials used by the church (sexual health) in HIV activities affirming the dignity of the human being as the creation of God.
- For the moment of the confession: place four or five short stories underneath the chairs or benches with names of celebrants or leaders in the communities where the celebration takes place, and one situation that takes place in the city or community, with an anecdote of stigmatization with which we have worked or that we have experienced in our work. In making the confession, we ask people to look for the stories underneath their seats and we ask them if they could be so kind to share the content with everyone, so that the story will challenge the community.
- For the Confession of Faith, ask in advance that three people prepare and complete the part of the confession: one linked to the Father, the second to the Son and the third to the Holy Spirit.

Reception: Receive each person and invite him/her to look in the mirror ... then put a red ribbon with the symbol on his/her chest.

When placing the red ribbon on their chest consult people if they remember the meaning of this symbol and if you notice that it is not clear to them, inform them that: "this badge is a symbol of knowledge and commitment in favor of preventive and solidarity work toward People with HIV and AIDS. A person who uses the red ribbon is someone who inspires confidence and understanding towards people with HIV and AIDS; He/she is a person who participates in the movement of the red ribbon and invites other people to participate. The red tie is not a fashion or adornment; it is a symbol of solidarity, humanity and awareness. It is both commitment and invitation to the responsibility of informing, engaging and acting in the face of the pandemic. "

Prelude: a video about the work done by the Church in HIV or instrumental music:

Welcome: Welcome to the party of life! Today we are gathered to celebrate and thank God for the work being done to fight against the pandemic and against the stigma and discrimination suffered by people living with HIV or AIDS.

The invitation is for more people to gather this morning and together, with the help of God, we commit ourselves to those who fight to eradicate HIV and AIDS, to guide us towards the end of the epidemic through joint actions that lead us to enjoy an inclusive and healthy community.

This is why I invite you to stand and recognize the presence of God in this place. That presence that comforts, frees and challenges us to love.

L: Apostolic Greeting: May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with all of us.

And also with you.

Song: The Spirit of God is in this place
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTtvrIJon7Q>

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

T: God! Thank you for your presence here. Thank you for your presence in our life. Thank you for encouraging us when we have fainted, thank you for your love expressed in so many ways. Thank you also for the privilege of meeting us today as your body. Thank you because we are face to face with you to make this moment and this place a healing, restorative and vivifying space where your peace can be experienced throughout our body. We pray in thanksgiving, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Reading of Psalm 72...

"God judges with justice and righteousness, he will save the one who suffers and crush the oppressor"

Confession of Sins:

L: More than 35 years after the discovery of the virus, millions of people live with HIV in the world, so it's time to "face HIV"; only in this way a new generation will be free from this epidemic.

Invite to read the 2 or 4 stories that challenge us to confess how God challenges us in the face of stigma and discrimination...

L: I invite you to acknowledge in the presence of God that during these last 35 years, we have sinned by not informing ourselves, not knowing, being afraid and therefore raising barriers that distract us from our commitment, harden our hearts and separate us from Communion with those who suffer. Aware of this, let us face God and confess our sins in silence.

Moment of Silence...

Song: The wind runs in this great city

T: Good God, thank you because you have always given face to our suffering, you have never fled, you have never rejected us; forgive us because on the contrary, we hide our face to You when we hide it from our brothers and sisters who suffer and seek from your presence and your love. We ask you to forgive our indifference; forgive our silence that reinforces stigma and discrimination. We beg your pardon and ask that you fill us with courage to face our many realities of pain.

L: Absolution:

Symbolically, invite people to bring to the altar or circle the images or materials used in the church.

L: God almighty, who understands our fears, our indifference, and has had mercy on us and because of the sufferings, death and resurrection of his beloved Son Jesus Christ, forgives us and fills us with his love and courage to act guided by His Holy Spirit. Therefore, as a body of Christ to which God has entrusted to give continuity to His Mission in which the love of Jesus Christ is

manifested to every person, I invite you to embrace each other in a sign of the forgiveness received.

Hymn: Open my eyes to the light

LITURGY OF THE WORD

T: Prayer for the Word: God, thank you for giving face to the needs of our lives. Thank you for coming to us through your Word and allowing us to see ourselves reflected in it. Set our minds and hearts to discern your presence in the reading and preaching of your Word. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

1st Reading taken from Isaiah 11: 1-5

2nd Reading taken from Romans 15-4-13

Singing Hallelujah: _____

3rd Reading taken from Matthew 3: 1-12

Message: "..."

Symbol: Motivated by the sermon, the community is invited to write a commitment on a colored paper that will assume the reality of HIV and stick it on the mirror.

Confession of Faith: (Here three people already invited in advance complete the confession for each part)

We believe in God the Father who created us in His image and likeness...

We believe in Jesus Christ who gave face to our reality of suffering and came to this world to give his life to rescue humanity...

We believe in the Holy Spirit who through the Holy Church allows us to be the reflection of the love of God...

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offerings Song / Hymn: _____

Prayer of the Church: We are called to think not only in our needs but in the needs of those who out there require the manifestation of God's love. Therefore, let us have a moment of silence to present God with our offerings, our lives and our needs; confident in His presence we can also place other people's lives before Him. Let us pray in silence....

Then, different people pronounce one of the following prayers and in the middle of them sing _____ (singing shortly) or respond: "Encourage us to do your will Lord".

- Dear God, we pray that your Word will be proclaimed in such a way as to challenge your people to face the reality of HIV and AIDS....
- We ask that inequalities in the economic status cease, so that the increase in the vulnerability of HIV infection likewise ceases....
- We ask you to provide our daily bread so that hunger does not continue to weaken people's bodies and make them vulnerable to HIV. ...
- We ask that medical care be improved so that all people are treated and receive their medications on time. ...
- We ask that quality in education improves, so that our children and young people make responsible decisions in their lives. ...
- We ask you to reduce violence because of stigma and discrimination. ...
- We ask that within our work plans we include actions that respond to the needs of people living with HIV.

L: O God of goodness, receive the tithes and offerings together with the supplications that we present to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with each one of you.

T: And with your spirit.

P: Let's lift up our hearts.

T: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

T: It is meet and right to do so.

L: It is truly right to give you thanks and our duty to praise you in all moments and circumstances of life, through Jesus Christ your only Son, our Redeemer; Because He came to this world to defend the weak and to clothe them with His righteousness. That is why, together with the angels and the archangels, we sing with one voice the hymn of your glory:

Santo, santo, santo, Señor de Gloria y Majestad, toda la tierra está llena de ti, hosanna, hosanna, bendito es el Sr. Bendito aquel que viene en el nombre del Señor, hosanna, hosanna, bendito es el Señor. Y la tierra está llena de tu gloria/// santo es el Señor. Y mi vida está llena de tu gloria/// Santo es el Señor//

L: Holy You, the true God, who through your Son Jesus Christ gave face to our reality of pain and suffering and offers us his body and blood as a guarantee of your immense love. He our Lord Jesus Christ, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: For this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: Remembering, therefore, your healthy mandate, your life-giving passion and death, your glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of your second coming, we give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, and we beseech you to accept mercifully our praise and action. Thank you and bless us, your sons and daughters, so that all of us who partake of the holy body of Christ and of his precious blood may be filled with your peace and heavenly joy: and may you receive forgiveness of sins, Together with the gifts of life and salvation, may we be sanctified in body and soul and strengthened with your presence to share your love and so let us all share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

L: To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in and outside of your holy Church for ever and ever. Amen.

T: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

L: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge as one body in the Lord, let us forgive, just as we were forgiven. Let us accept each other as Christ accepted us for the praise of the Father. May the peace of the Lord be with all of you.

And also with you.

L: Let us share the peace of our Lord Jesus.

Song of peace _____

L: (the bread and the cup rise) Sisters and brothers these are the gifts of God for the people of God

T: Song: Lamb of God

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ is the one who has prepared the table and invites you to participate in it with faith and joy. Welcome to the Lord's table.

Holy Supper Distribution:

Hymn: _____

L: Let us pray: God, thank you for being face to face with us at all times. Thank you for your living and real presence in the sacrament. We ask that the power of your love be manifested in our lives so that we can meet those who

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seek the reflection of your love and compassion. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

DEPARTURE LITURGY

Symbol: the community is invited to take their seats; each person (one at a time) pass again before the mirror, takes a different paper than the one that he/she had stuck and read the commitment that someone else had written. Then deliver it to the person who wrote it, embrace him/her and says "Yes you will, with the help of God."

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Blessing:

May God the Father, review your justice.

May Jesus Christ pity you.

May the Holy Spirit review you in humility.

May God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit make you a reflection of his love.

Sending: We have celebrated with Christ, we have been blessed with His presence; Now let us walk to our homes, workplaces, and study, maintaining the commitment to halt the advance of HIV through the witness of love and unity. Let us all go in peace.

T: Thank God!

Song: _____