

**Territory of the People**

**ASSEMBLY 2017**

***Together . . . Into a New Creation***

***The Blessing OF A HOTEL***

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*The community gathers outside the main entrance at 6:45*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**People      And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of love, whose will it is  
that all the world should live in harmony;  
Grant that the life and work of this facility  
may witness to your coming reign of peace,  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Story of the Good Samaritan**

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.

Here what the Spirit says to all people

**Thanks be to God**

### **A Prayer of the Pastoral Elder**

#### **(A Prayer of Hospitality**


O God of life and love, you are the true rest of your people:  
Give rest and refreshment to pilgrims, friends and strangers;  
May this hotel welcome all who pass through and gather here;  
May all find a welcome in this place, now and always, **Amen.**)

#### **The Blessing of Water**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.  
In water, we are born, and upon water we depend for life.  
Through water you led and fed our ancestors,  
In and around water You nourish agriculture, and create great beauty.  
In the stories of scripture, we learn of Baptism and Exodus.  
In water, You are present through your Holy Spirit.  
Bless this water, as you bless this place,  
In the name, power and presence of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all. **Amen.**

*The Bishops move into the building sprinkling blessed water through the foyer into the meeting room.*


*As we gather for Assembly we sing together:*

 The more we get together  
Together, together  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be

'Cause your friends are my friends  
And my friends are your friends  
The more we get together  
The happier we'll be  
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## VERSES

The more we **sing** together . . .  
The more we **laugh** together . . .  
The more we **share** together . . .

 Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

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