The Twentieth Century Reform of the Liturgy: Outcomes and Prospects

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Abstract
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I want to situate my reflections on the outcomes of the 20th century liturgical reform and our prospects for the future. This is how I propose to proceed. I will very briefly review the late twentieth century liturgical reforms and revisions of a number of churches. Then I will turn to reactions to the reforms of the past fifty years, some assessment of their success and failure, and finally prospects for the future, employing an analogy with curricular reform, specifically in theological education. In terms of assessment I will have to limit myself to the Roman Catholic experience and hope that my reflections will help Lutherans to better assess liturgical revisions in the U.S. over the past fifty or sixty years.

Comments
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