

Resolution Pastoral Care for Gay and Lesbian Persons

Resolved, that this twenty-fourth convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real concurs with the commitment of General Convention” to continue prayer, study and discernment of the pastoral care for gay and lesbian persons,” (Resolution D039, GC200) and concurs in the recognition “that local faith communities are operating within the bounds of our common life as they experience liturgies celebrating and blessing same-sex unions” (Resolution C051, GC2003); and be it further

Resolved, that this convention, desiring to support relationships “characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God” existing “through out the church,” (Resolution D039 GC 2000) does hereby support the conduct of ceremonies to celebrate such relationships by the clergy of this diocese, with the approval of the Bishop. As in marriage, no clergy person is under obligation to provide this service if anything about the relationship violates his or her conscience. The consciences of individual parishioners will likewise be respected.

Passed at the convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real January 16-17,2004