



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

## A Resolution Regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention



Whereas the relationships between the Episcopal Church and much of the rest of the Anglican Communion are badly fractured, largely as a result of the decisions of the 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and whereas

The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church has before it the choice of either moving to heal these fractured relationships by unequivocally turning back from the decisions of the 74th General Convention or to deepen the divisions by continuing along the path begun in the 74th General Convention, and whereas

A failure to clearly turn back from the actions of the 74th General Convention that have so troubled the communion will result in what the Primates described as a "tearing of the fabric of the communion" progressing swiftly and painfully through the Diocese of Virginia and our own congregation here at St. Peter's; be it therefore resolved that

The vestry of St. Peter's calls upon the deputation from the Diocese of Virginia to the 75th General Convention and on our Bishops to:

- Support, and encourage support, for any resolutions expressing clear and unequivocal repentance for the actions of the 74th General Convention that have so distressed the Anglican Communion,
- Encourage those who clearly disassociate themselves from any such repentance to avoid participation in the various instruments and bodies of the Anglican Communion,
- Support, and encourage support, for any resolutions that implement a clear and absolute moratorium on the election and confirmation of any Bishop engaging in an intimate sexual relationship outside of a marriage of one man and one woman,
- Oppose any resolutions creating or moving toward creating a blessing of same-sex unions, any resolution attempting to redefine the basis of marriage as other than one man and one woman, or any resolution condoning, accepting or acknowledging the local creation and use of liturgies for private or public blessings of same-sex unions or marriages,

And, in all matters concerned with issues addressed therein, to be guided by the recommendations of the Windsor Report in their voting and in encouraging similar voting by other deputations and Bishops; and be it further resolved that

The aforementioned pleas notwithstanding, we request that our deputation and Bishops urge the Convention to move with clarity rather than obscurity or ambiguity in any positions it adopts related to these matters; and be it further resolved that

The Register of this vestry be directed to provide copies of this resolution to the bishops and deputies, both primary and alternate, from the Diocese of Virginia to the 75th General Convention.

- Adopted by the Vestry, June 4, 2006