

Summary:

This resolution commits the convention to reaffirm our polity that this Diocese need not be held bound by the statement made at the September 2007 House of Bishops meeting unless approved by General Convention, and seeks to commend the tasks undertaken and the work put forth by the House of Bishops and calls upon the Presiding bishop to further develop the listening process to ensure that all voices are heard at the table and that The Episcopal Church will not turn back the strides it has made with regards to human sexuality and it's relationship to scripture and the common life of the Church. This resolution also recognizes Integrity Inc. as a local Diocesan program which seeks a positive relationship with the Diocese to work together to meet the pastoral needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender persons.

Financial Impact:

There is no additional financial support needed for this resolution. This resolution merely reiterates the strong and urgent need for pastoral care for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender people. Parishes should be including these persons in their daily life and work without the need for additional funding.

Resolved, That the 119th Diocesan Convention recognizes Integrity, Inc., and it's local presence, Integrity/Portland as an official diocesan program, and calls upon the Diocese of Oregon and Integrity to build a positive working relationship to meet the pastoral needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons in the diocese of Oregon; and

Be it further resolved, That the 119th Diocesan Convention commends the House of Bishops for its call to increase implementation of the Communion-wide listening process as a process of real engagement, and calls upon the Presiding Bishop and her staff to further develop this process within the Episcopal Church, recognizing that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people continue to be marginalized in many parts of our Church; and

Be it further resolved, That the 119th Diocesan Convention commends the House of Bishops for its call for the full participation of the Bishop of New Hampshire in the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and acknowledges the basic contradiction between support for Bishop Robinson and the implementation of B033; and

Be it further resolved, That the 119th Diocesan Convention commends the House of Bishops for its support for the civil rights, safety, and dignity of gay and lesbian persons, and calls upon the General Convention to work to resolve speedily and justly the basic contradiction between such support in civil society and the absence of such support within the Church's own pastoral and sacramental life.