

**Resolution Number 1:
Same-Gender Blessings**

RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Oregon meeting in November 2009 in its 121st Convention supports and affirms Resolution C056 of the 76th General Convention (2009), which acknowledges “the changing circumstances in the United States and in other nations, as legislation authorizing or forbidding marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons” is passed in various civil jurisdictions, and

RESOLVED, that this Convention acknowledges and give thanks for the work of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and the Convocation Deans and Presidents in ensuring that, in accordance with Resolution 2 of the 120th Convention of the Diocese of Oregon which met in 2008, “full dialogue regarding access to... all the rites and sacraments of the Episcopal Church, ... [including] access to blessings of relationships and unions” took place in Convocation meetings held in 2009, and

RESOLVED, that this Convention honors the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality, and acknowledges that Christians of good conscience may disagree about some of these matters, and

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Resolution D025, also passed by the 76th General Convention (2009) and Resolution D039 (2000), this Convention has come to recognize “that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed 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’,” and

RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Resolution C056 and recognizing that domestic partnerships have been authorized by legislation in the State of Oregon, this Diocese, acting by and through its 121st Convention, humbly requests that the Bishop of Oregon “provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church” by authorizing the blessing of such partnerships by the clergy of this diocese who may choose to do so.

Action of Convention: ADOPTED