

Resolution # 3

Marriage Resolution

Whereas the church is a community of faith which affirms chapter two of the ELCA constitution which states in 2.03, "This church accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life." and,

Whereas Genesis chapter two gives an account of God's creation of man and woman and affirms that they were made for each other and,

Whereas Jesus affirms this teaching in Matthew 19:4-6 when he says, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh' and,

Whereas the South Carolina Assembly in 2005 passed resolutions affirming the traditional understanding of marriage as between one man and one woman and,

Whereas the teaching document, Human Sexuality Gift and Trust, passed at the Churchwide Assembly 2009 states, "The historic Christian tradition and Lutheran Confessions have recognized marriage as a covenant between a man and a woman, reflecting Mark 10:6-9," therefore,

Be it resolved that the South Carolina Synod in its teaching and community of faith be limited to the norm of Holy Scripture and,

Be it further resolved that the SC Synod affirm marriage as a covenant of mutual promises, commitment and hope, blessed by God and,

Be it further resolved that intimate sexual relations belongs exclusively within the biblical boundaries of a faithful marriage between one man and one woman