

## General Synod 2007 Motions Pertaining to Issues of Human Sexuality

**Source: GS / 2007 June / A184 St. Michael Report**

Moved by: Dennis Drainville

Seconded by: Barbara Burrows

**Be it resolved:**

That this General Synod accept the conclusion of the Primate's Theological Commission's *St. Michael Report* that the blessing of same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine, but is not core doctrine in the sense of being creedal and should not be a communion breaking issue. CARRIED.

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**Source: GS/ 2007 June / A186 Blessing of Same Sex Unions - Core Doctrine of ACC**

**Be it resolved:**

That this General Synod resolves that the blessing of same-sex unions is not in conflict with the core doctrine (in the sense of being creedal) of The Anglican Church of Canada. CARRIED.

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**Source: GS / 2007 June / A189 Marriage Canon**

Moved by: Peter Elliott

Seconded by: Ronald Stevenson

**Be it resolved:**

That this General Synod request the Council of General Synod to consider a revision of Canon 21 (On Marriage) including theological rationale to allow marriage of all legally qualified persons and to report back to General Synod 2010. CARRIED.

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**Source: GS / 2007 June / C003 Study of Human Sexuality.**

Be it resolved:

In light of the statement of the House of Bishops to members of General Synod dated May 1, 2007, that this General Synod 2007:P

1. Ask the Primate to request the Primate's Theological Commission to consult with dioceses and parishes and to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on:
2. The theological question whether the blessing of same-sex unions is a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine.
3. Scripture's witness to the integrity of every human person and the question of the sanctity of human relationships

4. Ask the Primate to request the Anglican Communion Task Force to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on the implications of the blessing of same-sex unions and/or marriage for our church and the Anglican Communion.
5. Support and encourage dioceses to offer the most generous pastoral provision possible within the current teaching of the church to gays and lesbians and their families.
6. Request Faith, Worship and Ministry to develop a process to engage dioceses and parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in a study of the Christian perspective on human sexuality through the lens of scripture, reason, tradition and current scientific understanding.

CARRIED.