

Resolution 7B

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF SOCIAL STATEMENT,  
"HUMAN SEXUALITY: GIFT AND TRUST"

WHEREAS, we the body of baptized believers who are St. Jacob's Lutheran Church of Chapin, South Carolina, in response to Resolutions of "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust", do believe that a lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship, hereafter referred to as homosexuality, goes counter to the created order as explained within an orthodox reading of scripture and thereby is a sin. Homosexuality is contradictory to the accepted Visions and Expectations document of the church; and

WHEREAS, we believe those individuals who in their self understanding consider themselves to be homosexuals are to be accepted within the church in ministry and worship but must abstain from homosexual relationships; and

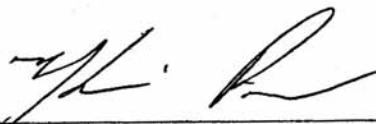
WHEREAS, we agree with the theology of the unaltered Visions and Expectations document and disagree with the social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that homosexuals in a homosexual relationship should not serve as rostered leaders of the church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ELCA should commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor and respect everyone and be bound to the truth of scripture over conscience; and

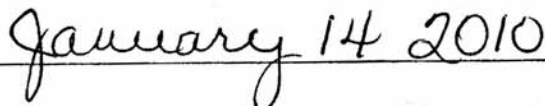
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Synod Assembly direct the South Carolina Synod Council to forward this resolution to the Church Council's Executive Committee for proper referral and disposition under the bylaws and continuing resolutions of this church.

Resolution submitted by:

  
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