

Resolution on Human Rights

Whereas, there have been many attempts on resolutions to the World Conference for and against homosexuality, and

Whereas, homosexuality remains a controversial issue in the world and within the Community of Christ, and

Whereas, reports have been given over the years to help the worldwide body of the Community of Christ to deal with the issue of full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons within the Community of Christ, and

Whereas, we are committed to being a worldwide church - loving, respecting and appreciating theological, cultural and socioeconomic differences, and

Whereas, on December 18, 2008 the first declaration on gay rights was presented to the United Nations General Assembly declaring that "we reaffirm the principal of nondiscrimination which requires that human rights apply equally to every human being regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity", and

Whereas, the Community of Christ has a presence in many nations and cultures where homosexuality is not a barrier to equal rights, therefore be it

Resolved, that we address global homosexuality as an issue primarily from a human rights perspective. Be it further

Resolved, that we take courageous steps to be in the forefront of those organizations which are helping to bring to bear just solutions to human rights violations for GLBT persons in the world. Be if further

Resolved, that the Community of Christ answer its calling as a prophetic church, and that leaders act courageously and with spiritual insights, seeking resolution to eliminate all forms of discrimination including discrimination against GLBT persons. Be it further

Resolved, it is the sense of this conference that full inclusion of GLBT persons in the life of the Community of Christ be allowed where accepted in nations, states and territories, and Community of Christ congregations. Be it further

Resolved, that the First Presidency **be encouraged to** actively support programs to help congregations become more welcoming and more effective in resisting discrimination in all forms, including those against GLBT persons.

Note: Brought to the Rocky Mountain Mission Center Conference by 18 members of the Fort Collins congregation and subsequently passed with the amendment *(in red)* at the RMMC Conference on November 7, 2009. It will now go to the 2010 World Conference for consideration