

Title: Resolution on Christian Hospitality

Proposed by: Christ Church Cathedral Vestry

Whereas, in order to strengthen acceptance of the LGBTQ community, the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee can model Christ-Like Hospitality and affirm Galatians 3:23-28, “There is no longer male or female, Jew or Greek, slave or free, but all are one in Christ”; and

Whereas, Christian hospitality encourages the building up right relationship that allows for the grace to share Christ’s love in ways that transform us and the world; and

Whereas, members of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee sit at the feet of Jesus, where we are anointed, washed and fed his Body and Blood; and

Whereas, welcoming both friend and stranger is how Jesus led His life and mandated us to “Love One Another, Even as I have Loved You”; and

Whereas, the welcoming of both friend and stranger embodies the Ministry of Reconciliation, which St. Paul also instructs us to initiate and practice in our daily lives; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee welcomes, invites and recognizes all persons as having been made in the image of God; and we commit ourselves afresh to seek and serve Christ in *all* persons, respecting the dignity of every human being.