

**A Resolution Submitted for Consideration by the  
186<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee  
January 19-20, 2018**

**Resolution Title:** A Proposed Memorial for the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention

**Substitute proposed by:** The General Resolutions Committee

*Whereas*, the Episcopal Church Task Force on the Study of Marriage is drafting resolutions for consideration by the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention;\* and

*Whereas*, we recognize and honor that the Diocese of Tennessee is not of the same mind regarding the Trial Use Marriage and Blessing Rites Contained in “Liturgical Resources I” approved by General Convention Resolution 2015-A054; and

*Whereas*, we recognize and respect the perspective of the Bishop of Tennessee and commend his efforts to hear all opinions, prayerfully gather us together and promote unity within our diocese; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the 186<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee sends the following Memorial to the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church:

To the Deputies and Bishops of the Episcopal Church assembled at the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention:

Recognizing the continuing theological diversity of this Church, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, in regard to same sex marriage and the blessing of same sex unions, and out of respect for the deeply held beliefs across the range of opinion, we, members of the 186<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee, respectfully request that as you, the Bishops and Deputies of the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention, prayerfully consider the re-authorization of “Liturgical Resources I” for the next Triennium, you take in account the exclusion, competing convictions, and loss of community experienced by members of this Diocese under the current terms of authorization for the texts.

\* “Task Force on the Study of Marriage Reports Progress.” The Episcopal Church, The Episcopal Church, 14 Sept. 2017