Short Form Resolution-Same Sex Blessings

RESOLVED, that the Vestry reaffirms that The Church of St. John the Divine will continue to be the church it has always been—professing, adhering to, and honoring the Word of God. Holding to the Biblical truth that the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is reserved for the union of a man and a woman, we confirm and will practice as a congregation the choice that the Bishop of Texas has granted to us and will only conduct or participate in rites, services or ceremonies for the Holy Matrimony or blessing of the union of a man and a woman. Supporting our Bishop's effort to bring unity to the Diocese of Texas, we will act with love, respect, and grace for all people and by such an attitude and behavior be known as disciples of Jesus Christ (John 13:35).

Passed by the Vestry of St. John the Divine, January 21, 2013