



OKLAHOMA ANGLICAN COUNCIL STATEMENT OF FAITH

There are times within the history of the church when Christians have been faced with threats, some internal and some external, to the integrity of their common life and faith. The recent actions of the Diocese of New Westminster and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church U.S.A. (ECUSA) confront the various provinces of the Anglican Communion with just such a threat to the historic Faith and Order that defines their existence as a communion. In the face of this, obedience requires a faithful statement of belief and a renewed commitment to the practices that give expression to the saving truth of the Christian Gospel.

As Anglican Christians committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Holy Scripture, and members of God’s one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church:

1. We repudiate the 74th General Convention’s confirmation of a non-celibate homosexual to be a bishop of the Church (as well as all other confirmations for clergy who are non-celibate homosexual persons), and the Convention’s acceptance of same-sex blessings as part of our common life.
2. We declare our commitment to the Lord’s life-giving teaching about sexuality and marriage embraced by Christians throughout all ages, and as affirmed by the 1998 Lambeth Conference and reaffirmed at the October 15-16, 2003 Emergency Lambeth Meeting of the Primates. We celebrate God’s unconditional love for all people, and we proclaim God’s transforming power for everyone seeking sexual purity and wholeness.
3. We applaud and support the Primates who attended the October Lambeth Meeting in reaffirming the fact that Holy Scripture is regarded as the basis of our faith and our unity. We view the authority of Holy Scripture as God’s word written, as set out in the 39 Articles of Religion adopted by ECUSA and the Church of England as referenced in the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral. We hold Holy Scripture as authoritative and completely trustworthy in all matters of faith and morals.
4. We affirm our heritage in the faith and order of traditional Anglicanism and our commitment to remain part of the Anglican Communion. We are traditional Biblically orthodox Anglicans and will support actions to restore The Episcopal Church U.S.A. back to a true orthodox church.
5. We will support adequate Episcopal oversight by an orthodox Bishop(s) to all parishes and missions in Oklahoma that request such oversight.

To the glory of God.

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