

Marriage Amendment Resolution
Adopted at the Congregational Meeting February 5, 2006
University Lutheran Church of Hope

Proposed amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution (exact wording may change): Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota. Any other relationship shall not be recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent by the state or any of its political subdivisions.

WHEREAS, there is a movement to amend the Minnesota Constitution to exclude same-gender couples and their families from benefiting from civil marriage laws or any legal equivalent,

WHEREAS, Minnesota already has a state statute preventing same-gender marriage,

WHEREAS, civil marriage laws do not govern church marriage rites,

WHEREAS, there are religious groups, claiming to speak for God, who are targeting Minnesota to push the passage of this “marriage amendment,”

and WHEREAS, OutFront Minnesota/Together Minnesota and the Faith, Family, Fairness Alliance is calling on people of faith and religious organizations in Minnesota to raise their voices in opposition to this amendment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that those present at this congregational meeting, by majority vote, ask the Social Justice Commission to study and recommend to the Board of Commissioners how University Lutheran Church of Hope, as a congregation, might respond to the request to add our name to the requested resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the decision of the University Lutheran Church of Hope Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the congregation, be made and made known to the congregation, in a manner they deem appropriate, no later than one month after the start of the Minnesota Legislative Session, that is, no later than April 1, 2006.

submitted by Dianne Star
for the Congregational Meeting of
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