

A Statement of Acceptance of and Submission to the Windsor Report 2004.

January, 2005

We the undersigned Bishops:

- (1) Accept the Windsor Report's key idea of "autonomy-in-communion, that is, freedom held within interdependence;"
- (2) Pledge in the future to maintain the bonds of affection by only making decisions that are "fully compatible with the interests, standards, unity and good order" of the Anglican Communion;
- (3) Acknowledge that as a province we have "acted in ways incompatible with the Communion principle of interdependence, and our fellowship together has suffered immensely as a result;"
- (4) Seek for ECUSA to comply in full with the unanimous recommendations of The Windsor Report by:
  - a. Expressing its regret for its own role in breaching the proper constraints of the bonds of affection in the events surrounding the election and consecration of a bishop for the See of New Hampshire and for the consequences which followed;
  - b. Calling on the Executive Council, and recommending to the next General Convention, that they express their own regret in these terms;
  - c. Effecting "a moratorium on the election and consent to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate who is living in a same gender union until some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges;"
  - d. Effecting a moratorium on all public Rites of Blessing of same sex unions and calling on those bishops who have authorized such rites to withdraw their authorization and express their regret that by such authorization they breached the proper constraints of the bonds of affection; and,
  - e. Endeavoring to ensure commitment of all bishops to the common life of the Communion.

and,

- (5) Reaffirm our commitment to engage with the Communion in our continuing study of the biblical and theological rationale for recent actions because "these potentially divisive issues...should not be resolved by the Episcopal Church on its own." (General Convention 1991 B020).

Signatures of Bishops (as of January 13, 2005):

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