

Resolution on Ordination and Sexuality

At the Australia Mission Centre Conference on June 7th 2008 140 delegates from around Australia unanimously approved the following resolution presented by the Open Door. We are thrilled with this result and hope to see this legislation be brought to the 2010 Community of Christ World Conference so that the world church can consider and vote on this issue. We are proud of the Australian Mission Centre for taking us one step closer to bringing equality to the church regarding the ordination of those who have been called by God and who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered.

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WHEREAS the world views on sexual orientation are very diverse and

WHEREAS in some countries diversity of sexual orientation is not even acknowledged, let alone discussed, and

WHEREAS all are called according to the gifts of God unto them, and

WHEREAS we uphold ordination as a call by God with the common consent of the church in that jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS in some parts of the world there are congregations comprised primarily of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and transexual people, and

WHEREAS there is very little hope at this time of getting complete agreement on a world wide level on the issue of sexual orientation and ordination, be it

RESOLVED this matter be referred to the Australia Mission Centre Presidency for the purpose of arranging discussion and dialogue within the Australia Mission Centre, that the Australia Mission Centre be given time for prayerful consideration of this matter and be it further

RESOLVED that a resolution on this matter be presented to the 2009 Australia Special Mission Centre Conference to be voted upon and if approved then be it further

RESOLVED that a resolution be presented to the 2010 World Conference, calling for the principle of self determination to guide Mission Centres in the matter of sexual orientation and ordination.