

**ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, DUNDAS  
SYNOD MEMORIAL**

Whereas we believe that:

1. Silence contributes to the injustices experienced by gays and lesbians.
2. Truth, love and justice are biblical imperatives not to be jeopardized by clamours for unanimity disguised as "unity". Unity in Christ, proclaimed as Lord, requires truth and justice for all.
3. We have the obligation to use reason to interpret scripture in the light of new knowledge and understandings.
4. It is unbiblical, unjust, ethically wrong, and morally unsound to impose celibacy on gay and lesbian clergy.
5. Because the core of the gospel message is covenant with God, with family, and with community, the covenants between same-sex couples should be affirmed and blessed by the church, as is the case for heterosexual couples.

Be it resolved that

- a) St. James Anglican Church in Dundas intends to be a blessing community at such a time when Niagara's Diocesan Synod, in concurrence with its bishop, authorizes the blessing of committed same-sex unions.

*Approved by St. James, Dundas Special Vestry September 30, 2007*