

**ST. PAUL ANGLICAN CHURCH, HAMILTON
SYNOD MEMORIAL**

- A. Whereas Jesus' ministry embraced an inclusive solidarity with those who were alienated and excluded by the dominant culture of his day;
- B. And whereas the Gospel value of loving one's neighbour involves acting with, not simply standing beside, those seeking justice;
- C. And whereas Baptism is the rite of full membership into the family of God;
- D. And whereas General Synod 2004 affirmed "the sanctity and integrity of committed, adult same-sex relationships";
- E. And whereas General Synod 2007 resolved that "the blessing of same-sex unions is not in conflict with the core doctrine of the Anglican Church of Canada";
- F. And whereas our Diocesan Synod in 2004 supported a motion by a two-thirds majority to grant "clergy permission to exercise their discretion in blessing relationships of gay or lesbian couples who have been married civilly, once they with their congregations have petitioned the Bishop for permission to be a 'blessing community'";

Be it resolved that:

- 1. St. Paul's Anglican Church, Westdale intends to be a blessing community at such a time as Niagara's Diocesan Synod, in concurrence with its bishop, authorizes the blessing of committed same-sex unions.
- 2. This Memorial be forwarded to the Niagara Diocesan Synod to be held November 15 to 17th, 2007.

Approved by St. Paul, Hamilton Special Vestry October 28, 2007