

Wilderness Words



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Vicar's Notes

At the Bishop's Committee meeting in September, the need was felt to be more public in our support of the Episcopal church's stance on same-sex marriage. This letter, drafted by Jennye, will be signed by the Wardens and sent to the Cook County News Herald:

As the leadership board at Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church, we would like to publicly state that we stand with the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota in their Resolution against the Constitutional Amendment to Ban Marriage for Same-Sex Couples. As our bishop Brian Prior put it, "The Episcopal Church in Minnesota has always stood with the marginalized" embracing "the Gospel mandate of love of neighbor and the Baptismal Covenant imperative to respect the dignity of every human being."

We feel this is an issue of justice and that an amendment establishing second class status for any population is utterly lacking in compassion. In the spirit of our Church's Mission to "Invite mystery, Embrace Compassion, and Encounter Christ", we feel it is important to publicly stand with the larger Episcopal church and share our stance on this important issue.

We also believe that the voter ID amendment will pose an unnecessary hurdle that will disenfranchise voters who are more vulnerable.

This letter may well give each of us opportunities to share our convictions about this issue—to speak to friends, colleagues and neighbors about the Episcopal church's open table, care for those on the edge, and about our NOT being like the churches so many have been hurt by.

Take this opportunity to speak to those around you, and to invite them to visit some Sunday morning.....

Blessings, Mary Ellen

What's happening!!!

September 25: Reaching Out Committee meeting at WindCradle

October 21 Annual meeting immediately after church.

We now have a prayer chain. Please contact Patsy to add someone with prayer needs to the list, of if you'd like to hear of (and pray about) requests. pcoleman@chem.wayne.edu