

Resolution #12 Study and Discernment Regarding Homosexuality

WHEREAS the Unity Synod of 2002 and the Unity Board meeting of 2010 encouraged dialogue within the various provinces of our church about homosexuality in the church; and,

WHEREAS during the 2010-2014 inter-synodal period, the Provincial Elders' Conference has taken some steps, but has not fully implemented the call of the church expressed in 2010 Synod resolution #24: Homosexuality Study and Discernment; therefore be it

RESOLVED That, the Synod of 2014 reaffirms the spirit and intent of the 2010 Synod resolution #24, specifically: to provide leadership, resources and a process for a conversation about homosexuality in the church that includes diverse viewpoints, and opportunities for open and honest discussion, study and discernment; and,

RESOLVED That, this process of dialogue and discernment should take into account similar efforts made, and decisions that have been or may be reached by our sister provinces within the Unity, as well as any actions of the 2014 Unity Board and 2016 Unity Synod; and,

RESOLVED That, the Provincial Elders' Conference should fulfill what is stated in this resolution in a manner which it determines is best and prior to the Synod of 2018; and,

RESOLVED That, the task force should be appointed by September 15, 2014 and begin its work by November 1, 2014.