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09 - Intereses Nacionales e Internacionales: CD C084

TEMA/TÍTULO: El Derecho a la Identidad Humana

PROPONENTE: Diocese of Albany

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Se resuelve, con la aprobación de la Cámara de ___, que la 76ª Convención General pida a todas las diócesis que adopten la siguiente afirmación: La historia personal es un derecho humano fundamental y el conocimiento del linaje completo de una persona debe suponerse como propiedad natural de la persona; y asimismo

Se resuelve que la 76ª Convención General pida a todas las diócesis que adopten la siguiente afirmación: Que se pida a las legislaturas estatales que establezcan procedimientos mediante los cuales los hijos adoptivos [al alcanzar la mayoría de edad] podrían obtener información sobre su herencia histórica, antecedentes médicos y derivación genética sin la necesidad de una actuación legal.

EXPLANATION:

1) Adoptees in the United States are not necessarily granted knowledge of their parentage because state law in forty-eight states seals their original birth certificates. Records are sealed in New York State upon adoption.2) There are no laws that protect the identity / history of the children born using artificial reproductive technology. Sperm donation, egg donation, embryo donation may not be disclosed to the children so conceived. 3) Similar concerns exist for children born of surrogacy parenting. 4) Theological grounds for knowledge of one's origins may be seen in scripture. a) Old Testament scriptural testimony is structured around genealogical narratives. b) The theological concept of adoption witnessed to by Paul incorporates knowledge of one's origins. c) Jesus' birth narratives incorporate genealogies. d) The concept of "fatherhood" is retained in the New Testament.5) Church history has testified to the importance of "blood line" in canon law.6) The theological concept that a person may become a "child of God" by the "will of God" does not negate other origin narratives, but fulfills them.7) Narrative theology emphasizes the importance of the human narrative on personal and social levels. On the personal level, the narrative is related to healing and health.8) The Episcopal Church has already declared in Resolution 1982-D082:"Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That state legislatures be urged to establish procedures that would enable adoptees [upon reaching legal age] to secure current information regarding their historical heritage, medical history, and genetic derivation: (1) without the necessity of court action, and (2) with sufficient safeguards provided for the protection of all parties in the adoptive triangle--the adoptee, the adoptive parents, and the biological parents; and be it further Resolved, That every Diocese and Parish be encouraged to support such action in every state."9) Resolution 1982-D082 should be superseded in regard to item 2, which is vague.

BALLOT RESULTS: