

TEMA/TÍTULO: Revocar B033
 PROPONENTE: Diocese of Maine
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- 1 *Se resuelve*, con la aprobación de la Cámara de _____ que la Iglesia Episcopal mantenga su
 2 promesa de participación en la Comunión Anglicana y al proceso de escuchar que se describe en
 3 el Informe de Windsor; y asimismo
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 5 *Se resuelve*, que la 76ª Convención General se abstendrá de restringir el campo de potenciales
 6 candidatos para episcopados futuros sobre la base de género u orientación sexual y que rechace
 7 interferencia externa a la Convención que intente afectar su proceso parlamentario o negar la
 8 forma de gobierno de la Iglesia Episcopal.

EXPLANATION:

Our Lord is not one to show partiality (Acts 10:34-35) and calls us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19). Our baptismal covenant calls us to respect the dignity of every human being; Undue discrimination limits the ability of the faithful to elect qualified persons to leadership, including the position of bishop; Title III, Canon 1, Section 2 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church clearly states that No person shall be denied access to the discernment process for any ministry, lay or ordained, in this church because of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities or age; Resolution B033, if interpreted to mean that a person living in a same-sex partnership should be excluded from consecration, stands in conflict with Title III, Canon 1, Section 2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church; As a result of the Windsor Report, bishops and deputies at the 75th General Convention were under a great deal of pressure to enact measures relating to the consecration of gay or lesbian bishops living in same-sex relationships. On June 20, 2006 the House of Deputies rejected Resolution A161, which would have prohibited the consecration of such individuals. However, using parliamentary procedure, the former Presiding Bishop brought forth Resolution BO33, which instructed "Standing committees and bishops with jurisdiction to exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration of any candidate to the episcopate whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church and will lead to further strains on the communion." It was widely understood that "candidate... manner of life" was a coded euphemism for gay and lesbian persons, and this interpretation was later validated by the House of Bishops. However, as was promptly pointed out following its passage, BO33 is in violation of the ecclesiastical laws of the Episcopal Church. In particular, Title III, Canon 1, Section 2 of the Canons of the General Convention prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation. While BO33 has had the intended chilling effect on the consecration of otherwise qualified gay and lesbian priests to the episcopate, with many such candidates declining nomination for fear of withheld consent, it has done little to mollify the increasingly strident voices throughout the Anglican Communion. As such, it has proven both unjust and ineffective in its aims. Being that it is in violation of canon law, inconsistent with the scriptural message of God's immeasurable and unconstrainable love for humanity, and an impediment to the work of the Spirit in the Church, we call for the revocation of BO33.

BALLOT RESULTS: