

To the Deputies and Bishops of the Episcopal Church assembled at the 79th General Convention:

Recognizing the continuing theological diversity of this Church, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, in regard to same sex marriage and the blessing of same sex unions, and out of respect for the deeply held beliefs across the range of opinion, we, members of the 186th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee (January 19-20, 2018), respectfully request that as you, the Bishops and Deputies of the 79th General Convention, prayerfully consider the re-authorization of “Liturgical Resources I” for the next Triennium, you take in account the exclusion, competing convictions, and loss of community experienced by members of this Diocese under the current terms of authorization for the texts.

Respectfully submitted,
The 186th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee