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HB Message #224: A104saa, Diocese to Determine Whom to Ordain. Concurrence with amendment.

HB Message #225: B050, Study of Human Sexuality. Discharged.

HB Message #225: D151, Determine Consensus on Same-Sex Unions. Discharged.

HB Message #225: D153, Sexual Relations Standards Applicable to All Members. Discharged.

HB Message #225: D162, Reaffirm Position on Ordaining Homosexuals. Discharged.

HB Message #226: D176, Deployment of Homosexual Priests. Rejected.

HB Message #227: A227 (Amend Canon III.2 [Commissions on Ministry]). Referred to Board for Theological Education.

Recess

After announcements by the Secretary the President recessed the House at 6:23 p.m.

APPENDIX

A STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE

We, the undersigned, are members of the Episcopal Church. We are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We do hereby express our conviction that the received position of this Church is that physical sexual relations are appropriate within the covenant of marriage, alone. This teaching is upheld by the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the catholic tradition, the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the Book of Common Prayer (including the documents in the Historic Documents section). This standard excludes no one from the church of Jesus Christ, but it provides a norm by which we are instructed and led.

We express our deepest regret that some in the Episcopal Church are presently unwilling to affirm and uphold this standard. With profound sadness we do hereby dissociate ourselves from any teaching that says alternatives to this standard are legitimate. We dissociate ourselves from the ordination of any persons whose avowed behavior is contrary to this standard.

We confess with humility and gratitude that the love of God is all-inclusive and all-welcoming; that there is none righteous, no, not one; that the Lord Jesus came to call sinners, not the righteous, to repentance; and that in the church there must be no distinctions between persons. But we also confess that all Christians are called to discipleship, to live in accordance with the precepts of Christ, and die to self that we might live fully in Christ.

We reject any action of this Church that endorses or encourages a departure from this received teaching. We pledge ourselves to uphold apostolic doctrine, the sanctity of marriage, the high calling of faithfulness in physical intimacy within the marriage commitment and abstinence outside of it.

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After the adjournment of the General Convention, the Very Rev. David B. Collins, retiring President of the House of Deputies, asked that his name be included among the signers of the *Statement of Conscience*.