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Dear Ruth:

Thank you for your letter regarding Resolution C056. At this time the Diocese of West Virginia has not made any statements or provisions one way or another regarding Resolution C056.

I expect that some time in the future the Diocese will do some investigation in this, but I don't see anything radical coming out of it.

On a side note, I want to let you know that I have had conversation with the Secretary of State of West Virginia to state that I believe that there is a difference between marriage and the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and that marriage truly belongs in the civil realm, while the sacrament of Holy Matrimony belongs in the church realm. To be quite frank, the conversation did not go very far, as the Secretary of State immediately recognized what doors this could open.

I am continuing to talk to Legislators about this, and I do have the ears of some. So, we continue to move forward.

Thank you for your work in all of this, and please be assured of my prayers for you and your committee.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Michie Klusmeyer".

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