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**Pastoral Understanding**

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
desiring to receive the blessing of our Same Gender Union, do solemnly declare that we hold this Union to be our lifelong commitment as provided by the Episcopal Church gathered in General Convention, and we do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this union and to seek God's help hereto. We do solemnly declare that we intend for our sacred union to be life-long and framed by the vows and purposes set forth in the liturgy. We offer this solemn commitment willingly to one another before God and the Church.

Further, we acknowledge and understand that the State of Oklahoma does not recognize same gender unions or marriages; and by statute and constitutional provisions expressly prohibits the State of Oklahoma from recognizing or giving any legal rights to a blessing or union recognized or conferred by the Church.

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Date