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Commission on the Marriage Canon  
Anglican Church of Canada  
80 Hayden St.  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Commission;

In regards to Resolution C003,  
concerning changing the Marriage  
Canon #21 (church law), may I  
submit my own personal view.

I have been a Christian for  
62 years, accepting the love of Christ  
at age six & confirming this at age  
twelve.

I am against changing this  
Canon, based on St. Paul's  
teaching in 1 Corinthians chapters  
6 & 7, & in particular, verses 6 & 7  
in chapter 6 & verse 2 in chapter  
7.

1 Corinthians 6:9 (NLT Study Bible)

"Don't you realize that those who  
do wrong will not inherit the King-  
dom of God? Don't fool yourselves.  
Those who indulge in sexual sin,  
or who worship idols, or commit  
adultery, or are male prostitutes,

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or practice homosexuality or are thieves, or greedy people or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people - none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God."

The study notes (NLT - Study Bible) on this passage are as follows:  
"Some attempt to legitimize homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle. Even some Christians say that people have a right to choose their sexual preference. But the Bible specifically calls homosexual behavior sin (see Leviticus 18:22-23; Romans 1:18-32, 1 Timothy 1:9-11). Christians must be careful, however, to condemn only the practice, not the people. Those who commit homosexual acts are not to be feared, ridiculed, or hated. They can be forgiven & their lives can be transformed. The church should be a haven of forgiveness and healing for repentant homosexuals without compromising its stance against homosexual behavior."

1 Corinthians 7:2 Because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

I feel, a civil marriage ceremony would be the best choice. This would give the couple opportunity to bond their relationship legally & would leave their sexual preferences between God & themselves.

This choice would also show respect for the word of God, St Paul's teachings & the church, past, present & future.

St. Paul's message in 1 Corinthians chapters 6 & 7, gives advice that holds today, as it has held down through the ages.

Respectfully submitted,

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