

I, Hermann Dittrich, a retired Anglican Priest still providing pastoral service in the Parish of St. Luke's, Fort Vermilion in the Diocese of Athabasca, cannot agree with the motion which is to change Canon XXI on Marriage. For me, my conscience, marriage is only between a man and a woman. The Lord God said in the Book of Genesis: "Male and female he created them" (GEN. 1:17b) and "for this reason MAN will leave his FATHER and MOTHER and be united to his WIFE, and they will become one flesh" (GEN. 2:24).

I could never call marriage something which it is not. The Lord God has one definition of marriage! Man and man, woman and woman; they will NEVER become one flesh. (GEN. 2:24) Why should God bless something that he himself does not approve of? Same-sex couples cannot be called marriage. God himself calls it sin in his word.

The Anglican Church will be deeply divided if this motion will pass. There will be Lay People, Priests and Bishops who will never follow this motion because they would like to remain faithful to the word of God.

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