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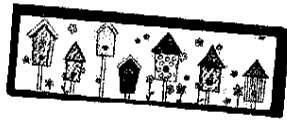
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Dear Bishop Linda,

Congratulations on becoming a Bishop! It seems a long time since you and David were working on the Miriam Dobell Healing Centre! Those were such optimistic days!

I am writing about your meeting with The Marriage Commission in June to discuss The marriage canon.

It greatly distresses me to hear that the marriage canon is to be changed so that people of the same sex can be married or blessed in the Anglican Church of Canada. I know there is a significant number of people who believe this too. Unfortunately we feel that our opinions are being ignored. I have been reading the bible (the inspired word of God) all my life and I understand it to say that God created man and woman to be joined together and made one flesh and thus able to produce children. This was His plan. (Mark 10 v 6-9) My matrix vehicle has a "plan" and if I don't follow it I am in trouble! I am sure some people will be able to quote passages of scripture to us that agree with their opposite opinion. I do not know what your views are, but I am assuming that you believe in the "true truth" that Jesus expounds in the New Testament.

I do not believe we should shun homosexuals and lesbians. We are called to love them as God loves each of us. We are all sinners (just as they are)

This morning I was reading my bible verses for the day (Canadian Bible Society Guide) as I do each day. (I have time to do that now!!)

1 Peter 4 v17 says: "For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us; what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

This passage stood out to me so I began to feel that I should stand up for what I believe - thus this letter. I hope, and I am sure you have had many letters like this, that you will be able to express our opinions to the Marriage Commission.

Wishing you every Blessing in your very important position as Bishop in Toronto Diocese.
"May the Lord Bless you and keep you in the Hollow of His Hand."

In His Love

Anne Storey