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Canon Robert Falby, Marriage Commission Chair, Anglican Church of Canada,

Subject: Anglican Marriage Commission

Broad consultation on this subject must be no less than the polling of all members of the Anglican Communion across Canada on the question "Do you wish Canon 21 to be changed to accommodate the marriage of same sex partners? - Yes or No."

We have no scriptural or theological history that would suggest that we change Canon 21. I would predict that the response to the all congregation member polling outlined will result in a resounding 90% or above answer "No"!

The principal thing your Commission will do is give a forum to a relatively small group of special interest folks who are intent on making changes to the Canon in spite of the fact that there is no scriptural or theological history supporting such a precedent. When our counterparts in the Roman Catholic Church start to entertain the thought of same sex marriage, maybe we should reconsider, based on a clear review of their protocol at that time.

Please ensure that copies of this submission are forwarded to Archbishop Fred Hiltz.

Yours faithfully,



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P.S. Let's move forward and assure our limited human, financial and time resources are allocated to issues impacting on the long-term viability of the Anglican Communion in Canada. Let's not be diverted!