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Submission for the Commission on the Marriage Canon

I wish to express our support for the helpful and lucid submission of May 6 2014 by The Ven. Canon Terry Leer who so very eloquently expressed his concerns, and his reasoning behind them, regarding changes to the marriage canon to include same-sex couples. His comments are enlightening, wise and thoughtful, and we find ourselves in full agreement.

Likewise we are, like Carol Hiltz (submission of June 5 2014) upset by this ongoing discussion, and for the same reasons.

Since when could we pick and choose from the Bible to suit our own inclination? Why is it considered acceptable to do so in this circumstance?

Many in our congregation have already voted with their feet on this topic. We see our children and grandchildren attending community churches where the message is not diluted, where God's Word is God's Word, even when it doesn't exactly suit.

Sadly the Anglican Church is depleting Canada-wide, suffering from self-inflicted wounds.

We are not condoning a return to exclusion and condemnation of the homosexual community, or any other seeking individuals. As parishioners we need and appreciate the constant reminders of God's love for all humankind. We appreciate the reminders that our clergy give us to treat all humankind with respect and compassion. We recognize the magnitude of God's love for us despite our sinful nature and its results. It is deeply concerning however, that these changes to the Marriage Canon are being considered. It is deeply concerning that many of us are aware that this is in fact "a done deal." It is deeply concerning that there are those among us who feel authorized to undertake such a commission.

Respectfully submitted

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