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Commission on the Marriage Canon
Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly urge you to permit the marriage of same-sex couples in the same way as opposite-sex couples. Our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters struggle with enough rejection from other sources. Let the Anglican Church be a place where all feel safe enough to be honest about the matters that are close to their heart. Let us not shame others' love.

All humans have a need for companionship and intimacy. When we do not permit homosexuals to marry homosexuals, we find that homosexuals marry heterosexuals. Both parties end up deeply unhappy. This scenario has been played out over and over again over the ages, it is still the reality for many living in the present, and, if we do not act now to eradicate prejudice against same-sex marriage, we will see it happening over and over again in the future.

Sincerely,

Maria Shantz