

Dear Bishop Hanson, Bishop Holmerud, Pastor Don and members of the LCR Church Council,

To preserve the ELCA and our beloved Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, we ask you to take action in renouncing the recent vote on human sexuality. This vote was a reflection of the changing moral compass of human beings. Our Church should be standing by **God given Laws** and the teachings of **Martin Luther**. Now that every one's attention is riveted on this subject, we are sure that if all the ELCA congregations were to be polled, the overwhelming response would be to overturn the recent vote on human sexuality.

We understand that there are many interpretations of Biblical Scripture and this is the reason for the "fix" we are now in. However, let's judge this recent vote from two fundamental truths we can all agree with; **THE LORD'S PRAYER** and **GOD'S NATURAL LAWS** and forget the various Biblical interpretations.

In the **LORD'S PRAYER** we ask **God** to forgive our sins and we are to forgive those who sin against us. We welcome homosexuals into our fellowship as fellow sinners. The **LORD'S PRAYER** does not say that we should forgive the sin and that is exactly what this vote does. In effect, the ELCA has blessed the sin of homosexuality.

Again, take a look at **GOD'S NATURAL LAWS**, a product of **HIS** creating the universe and everything in it. **HE** also created man and woman and provided for marriage between man and woman so they could procreate and thus ensure the continuation of human life on this planet. Don't you find it absolutely amazing that of all the many, many variables that our **Master Architect** dealt with, each one has to be exactly as it is or our world and our life would not exist. Homosexuality violates one of **HIS** variables for human life to continue and that is why homosexual behavior is a sin.

The Church should not be running popularity contests. If it did, this human sexuality vote is just the start. Is the next step to admit pedophiles into leadership roles because "they are born with that inclination, they cannot help themselves". Or, to go further along this line of reasoning, how about the many "Hollywood " dignitaries who are currently trying to redefine what rape is as in the case of Roman Polanski?

We are not leaving the ELCA, the ELCA is leaving us! To paraphrase Martin Luther, "here we stand, we can do no other". Mark 8:36 says "For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life".

Thanks be to God for His love and His magnificent creation

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