

July 4, 2015

### Responses to General Convention:

In response to recent actions of General Convention, the clergy and vestry would like to clarify our support for the historic Christian understanding of marriage found in scripture and the Book of Common Prayer. We will not conduct same-sex weddings or blessings, *and* we will continue to extend the grace and love of Jesus Christ to *all* people. The clergy and vestry welcome the opportunity to speak with parishioners personally about these issues. Please pray that we all will engage with each other respectfully, especially where there are differences.

The clergy and vestry also congratulate the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina, upon his election as the new Presiding Bishop. Bishop Curry is the first African American to serve as Presiding Bishop. Please pray for Bishop Curry and for the whole church.