

#10 AFFIRM AND ACKNOWLEDGE MEMBERS OF THE 2SLGBTQ1A+ COMMUNITY

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A resolution to commit to affirming, acknowledging, and continuing to welcome and include those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ in and to our communities.

Resolved that this synod:

- ***affirm the dignity, worth, and equality of all people, including those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender identities);***
- ***acknowledge historical and ongoing harm faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, particularly within faith communities;***
- ***commit to work towards healing, reconciliation, and full inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ people;***
- ***and commit to providing safe spaces within the church where 2SLGBTQIA+ people are welcomed, valued, and supported in their faith journeys.***

Commentary

This resolution is vital for all people of this Synod and Diocese as it acknowledges the historical and ongoing harm faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, demonstrating a commitment to healing, reconciliation, and the full inclusion of these individuals in our faith communities. It underscores the importance of creating safe and welcoming spaces within the church for all people, celebrating the beautiful diversity among us.