

In March 2009 the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware passed the following resolution regarding Delaware's sexual orientation antidiscrimination House Bill 5:

Title: Support for House Bill 5 to End Discrimination in the State of Delaware on the Basis of Sexual Orientation

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WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly is currently considering House Bill #5 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLES 6, 9, 18, 19, 25 AND 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTING, HOUSING, EQUAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND THE INSURANCE BUSINESS,

WHEREAS, the Baptismal Covenant of The Book of Common Prayer calls upon all Christians "to strive for peace and justice among all people and respect the dignity of every human being" (page 305),

RESOLVED, that the 224th Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, meeting at Christ Church, Christiana Hundred on March 27 & 28, 2009, calls upon the state legislature to pass House Bill #5 and urges Governor Jack Markell to sign it into law, and

RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Delaware calls upon the Governor and Legislature to work for equal rights for all citizens regardless of their sexual orientation.