



Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION ON FEMALE ORDINATION

- Whereas:** We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches believe the scriptures teach that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female; and
- Whereas:** We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches mutually agree and maintain that there is a priesthood of all believers in accordance with the scriptures; and
- Whereas:** We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches believe that the scriptures clearly indicate that the first person to carry the Evangel of our Dear Lord's resurrection was indeed female; and
- Whereas:** We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches believe that entrance into Holy Orders is a divine calling and not regulated by race, color, national origin nor gender; and
- Whereas:** We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches believe that the scriptures clearly teach that in the last days the Lord shall pour out of His Spirit abundantly upon all flesh, and that our sons and daughters shall prophesy:

Be It Hereby Resolved That:

1. We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches hereby publically support and recognize female ordination as Deacons, Priests and Bishops of the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
2. We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches will mutually acknowledge the authority vested within each Diocese and the Bishop thereof to determine the inclination and ability of each and every candidate for Holy Orders as Deacons and Priests, in spite of and regardless of gender.
3. We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches mutually agree that any member of the Clergy, whether male or female shall be deemed equal and maintain the same rights and privileges.
4. We, the Bishops, Clergy, parishes, orders and societies of the Apostolic Communion of Anglican Churches mutually agree that we will jointly celebrate and accept the Orders of Clergy ordained in sister Churches, Diocese and Jurisdictions.

This Resolution being made on this **14th** day of **July**, in the Year of our Lord, **2014**.

This Resolution shall be part of the permanent record of the Church and displayed publically on all websites of the ACAC and its affiliates worldwide.