



Resolution Condemning Anti-Trans and Other Anti-LGBTQ Legislation

Adopted by the Vestry of All Saints Church, Pasadena on June 13, 2023

Whereas, one of our core values as Christians is our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all persons; and

Whereas, as Episcopalians, we affirm in our Baptismal Covenant that we will, with God's help, "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being"; and

Whereas, All Saints Church stands for Radical Inclusion and believes in the holiness of trans identities and diverse gender expressions, and that we are enriched by embracing them; and

Whereas, All Saints Church stands for Courageous Justice and is committed to audacious examination and challenging of power and privilege in the world and to the redressing of oppression and believes in the power of drag performances and diverse gender identities and expressions to further these ends; and

Whereas, All Saints Church has a long history of supporting LGBTQ rights and inclusion in the church, which we wish to continue to live into and reaffirm; and

Whereas, LGBTQ persons experience significant oppression in this world, and trans persons are often the most oppressed among LGBTQ people; and

Whereas, recent legislation introduced in legislatures throughout the United States targets:

- (a) trans persons' access to potentially life-saving gender-affirming care,
- (b) trans and other LGBTQ persons' freedom of gender expression in society,
- (c) trans persons' safe and unchallenged access to restrooms appropriate to their gender,
- (d) trans athletes' freedom to compete and right to privacy,
- (e) trans students' right not to disclose their gender identity when doing so could cause them to come to harm,
- (f) drag performers' freedom of speech and employment opportunities,
- (g) students' access to educational materials about LGBTQ persons, cultures, and histories,
- and
- (h) parents' freedom to involve their children in age-appropriate LGBTQ cultural events; and

Therefore, be it resolved, that All Saints Church condemns all anti-LGBTQ legislation as a grave injustice, an assault on the inherent worth and dignity of LGBTQ persons, and a threat to the freedom and survival of LGBTQ persons; and be it further

Resolved, that All Saints Church will oppose the enactment of anti-trans and other anti-LGBTQ legislation at the local, state, and federal levels and will support trans and other LGBTQ persons harmed by such legislation to the best of our ability; and be it further

Resolved, that All Saints Church applauds resolutions of the wider Episcopal Church in support of LGBTQ and particularly trans people, and further urges the Episcopal Church at the parish and diocesan as well as wider church levels to join with us in condemning anti-trans and other anti-LGBTQ legislation and in supporting trans and other LGBTQ persons harmed by such legislation.