

# Presbytery of Genesee Valley Motion

The following motion was approved at the May 27, 1997 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley at Central Presbyterian Church, Avon, NY:

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley, in order to fulfill the higher call to openness and inclusiveness to which the "Book of Order" calls us, and which we perceive to be the true mind of Christ, is highly aggrieved by the passage of Amendment B as contrary to biblical principles of justice and fairness.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley will not condone efforts to discriminate unjustly against candidates for ordination or permit attempts to deny ordination through any means contrary to constitutional standards of inclusiveness. We will support the constitutional call to diversity and inclusiveness which requires the Church to be open to all persons and to the varieties of talents and gifts of all of God's people (G-4.0402).

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley directs the Polity and Review Committee to prepare an overture to the 210th General Assembly (1998) to strike Amendment B or change the constitution in standard to Amendment B to reclaim our heritage as an inclusive community in Jesus Christ.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley communicates to its member sessions that it will support and advocate on their behalf should they, by reason of faith and conscience, feel unable to comply with Amendment B.

ATTEST:

Reverend Val Fowler, Stated Clerk

Venie Grammer, Journal Clerk

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