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## Resolution on Same Sex Blessings

**Monday, April 25, 7:30 pm**  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
10815 - 76 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB

We will...

- Pray
- Hear the good word
- Sing
- Find out what is happening

**The following resolution which will be presented to delegates at our  
ELCIC convention in July 2005.**

### RESOLUTION ON SAME SEX BLESSINGS

That the ELCIC acknowledge the inadequacy of sections of Sex, Marriage and Family, A Social Statement of the Lutheran Church in America, 1970, referring to homosexuality and homosexual behaviour in light of developing theological, pastoral and sociological scholarship and that the ELCIC suspend the application of those references.

That the ELCIC allow pastors to perform blessings for same sex couples who want to make a life-long commitment to one another in the presence of God and their community of faith. Authorization to perform such blessings shall require the consent of the pastor, the consent of the congregation or calling agency as expressed by a 2/3 majority vote at a duly called meeting, and consultation with the synodical bishop. These blessings shall use a rite authorized by this church.

That the ELCIC's Program Committee for Worship be requested to develop a provisional rite for the blessing of same sex couples in committed relationships.

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