

Whereas Westminster Presbyterian Church has been a leading church within the PCUSA working for full equality through supporting amendments to the Book of Order favoring LGBTQ ordination, and

Whereas Westminster Presbyterian Church has supported equal rights for LGBTQ people through supporting both Authoritative Interpretations of the Book of Order and Amendments to the Book of Order supporting same gender marriage, and

Whereas after the 221st General Assembly all institutional barriers blocking Presbyterian churches from performing same gender marriage in New York state have been removed, and

Whereas Westminster Presbyterian Church wants it to be well known that our session and pastors are committed to offering wedding services irrespective of gender for all couples committed to Christian marriage, and

Whereas Westminster Presbyterian Church hopes to emulate the action and welcome of Christ in whom there is no East or West, no Jew or Greek, no Slave or Free,

Therefore Westminster Presbyterian Church of Albany, NY officially endorses the mission statement of More Light Presbyterians:

“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.”

Westminster Church further covenants to let the world know of our commitment to equal rights for all who follow Christ regardless of national origin, race, gender, sexual orientation, or physical ability. At Christ’s table we believe all are welcome, and so we welcome all followers of Christ to our Westminster community and pledge to work for full inclusion of all peoples in the body of Christ that is the church.

[Adopted by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY, 8/5/14)