

RESOLUTION 02.1.08

To Reaffirm The Scriptural Definition Of Marriage

(Ref.: Overture 1.11)

God in creation made human beings male and female, brought man and woman WHEREAS together and blessed them (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:18-25); and WHEREAS Christ concludes from Genesis that in marriage God has joined together one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6); and WHEREAS the definition of marriage in the Ontario Marriage Act was challenged by the publication of banns and subsequent "marriage" of two homosexual couples in Toronto in January, 2001; and WHEREAS similar challenges have taken place in other provinces; therefore be it that Lutheran Church–Canada reaffirm that "marriage" is the union of one man RESOLVED and one women as God has created and instituted it; and be it finally RESOLVED that the officers, pastors and parishioners of Lutheran Church–Canada affirm our Scriptural position whenever opportunities arise.

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