

**RESOLUTIONS**



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**RESOLUTION 02.1.10**

**To Reaffirm That Sexual Relations Outside Of Marriage Is Sin**

(Ref.: Overture 1.14)

- WHEREAS sexual attitudes within Canadian society have drastically changed in the last generation; and
- WHEREAS sexual relations outside of marriage (fornication) is no longer condemned in society, but is consider acceptable and almost expected behaviour; and
- WHEREAS these attitudes may have affected the church so that pastors permit those continuing to live together outside of marriage to receive the Lord's Supper; and
- WHEREAS many who come to their pastors to be married are already living together, satisfied with the acceptance of society and unconcerned about God's disapproval; and
- WHEREAS Reginald Bibby reports that nearly half the teens in Canada who attend religious groups weekly, approve of sex before marriage; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that Synod in Convention reaffirm the Bible's teaching that fornication is contrary to the Word and will of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 13, 18; 10:8; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3, 5; Col. 3:5; Hebrews 13:4; & Rev. 21:8; and be it further
- RESOLVED that when it becomes known, pastors approach couples living together outside of marriage for the purpose of confronting the sin, calling to repentance and absolving the penitent; and be it finally
- RESOLVED that congregation be encouraged to clearly address this issue when discussing the sixth commandment with confirmation classes, preferably with parents present.

Adopted, Session 5