

**FOUNDRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**RESOLUTION (passed unanimously)**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
January 15, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, Foundry Church's Church Council has previously indicated its support for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the United Methodist Church, including removal of passages from the Book of Discipline that are inconsistent with that inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Pastor of Foundry Church has distributed a pastoral letter, dated November 11, 2007, declaring his intent to make himself pastorally available to lead services which recognize and honor gay and lesbian committed relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Church Council will continue to work and pray for changes that result in fuller inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the United Methodist Church, including their ordination as ministers and full celebration and recognition of their committed relationships, the Council desires to express its support of its Senior Pastor and the actions he intends to take as outlined in his pastoral letter;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Church Council of Foundry Church states its full endorsement of the proposed actions of Senior Pastor of Foundry Church as set forth in his pastoral letter of November 11, 2007, while continuing to indicate its support of all necessary steps for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in all aspects of the life of the United Methodist Church.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Church Council, together with such other individuals as she/he shall designate, are hereby authorized to provide a copy of these resolutions to the Bishop of the Washington Episcopal Area and the District Superintendent for Foundry Church, for the purpose of making clear the Church Council's support for the proposed actions of Foundry's Senior Pastor, and to communicate the expectation of the lay leadership of Foundry Church that any future pastors appointed to Foundry Church will accept such appointment with the full knowledge of the Council's support of such proposed actions.