



LUTHERAN LESBIAN & GAY MINISTRIES

LLGM Statement Regarding Churchwide Assembly 2007 Actions

Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries celebrates the work and leadership of Goodsoil at the 2007 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly and the presence of so many openly lesbian, gay, bi and trans (LGBT) clergy from the Extraordinary Candidacy Project (ECP) and ELCA rosters. LLGM is heartened to see Bishops and other church leaders begin to publicly recognize ECP pastors as a means towards ending the ELCA's policy banning LGBT people from being full participants in the life and ministry of the ELCA.

We look forward to the day when the ELCA no longer discriminates against gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people. As long as the policy of discrimination persists it can always be enforced. We also recognize that change in policy follows change in practice. Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries and the Extraordinary Candidacy Project has been changing practice for nearly twenty years. We celebrate the active ministry of ECP pastors serving ELCA and independent Lutheran congregations and specialized ministry.

LLGM will continue to support openly GLBT ministers and their congregations--already living in God's amazing grace.