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In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of The Church of the Holy Nativity in Plano, Texas (an Anglican Communion parish church in the Diocese of Dallas), do hereby declare our unchanging commitment to Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the only name by which any person may be saved; and we further acknowledge the solemn responsibility placed upon us when we hear His words, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6);

and we further declare that we understand God to be revealed as the Holy and Undivided Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

and we further acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation;

and we further acknowledge and uphold the Creeds of the ancient and undivided Church to be unchanging and unchangeable statements of belief of the Christian faith.

Therefore, be it resolved that we support our Bishop in rejecting those actions of the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church which are contrary to the Christian faith and to the teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church;

and be it further resolved that we pledge our support to work toward the four items listed in the Bishop's letter to the clergy dated 22 July 2009, to wit:

1. The Diocese of Dallas will continue to hold up and proclaim the apostles' teaching that is the ground of Christian fellowship, and the foundational promise of our Baptismal vows,
2. We will continue to stand with the larger Church in affirming the primacy of Scripture, the sanctity of marriage and the call to holiness of life,

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3. We will not consent to the election of a bishop living in a same – sex relationship, and we will not allow the blessings of same – sex relationships in this diocese,
4. We will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, engage in mission at home and abroad, plant new congregations and make disciples of our Lord;

and be it further resolved that we will continue to work for the extension of the Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this city of Plano and neighboring townships, neither diluting the faith nor diminishing the revealed truth of that faith as it has been delivered to us by the saints.

In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ,

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Church of Holy Nativity in Plano,
Texas.