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**FAITHFUL FORT WORTH  
EPISCOPALIANS  
STAND FIRM ON THE WORD OF GOD  
IN FAITH AND MORALS**

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, the mother parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, together with the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth under its Bishop since 1995, the Right Reverend Jack Leo Iker, withdrew in 2008 from the Episcopal Church's General Convention because the latter's national leadership, even then, had taken irreversible steps to betray its own Episcopal heritage of biblical Christianity. Last week's authorization by that same body's General Convention of provision for the formal blessing of same-sex relationships, as well as the ordination of trans-sexual persons, represents a further stage in the erosion of Christian faith and morals. Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church stands with Bishop Iker and his Diocese in our commitment to uphold, within Fort Worth's Christian community, the authentic Episcopal and Anglican tradition in which faithful, monogamous marriage between one man and one woman is the essential and sole standard in Christian life for the expression of human sexuality. Furthermore, we continue to affirm that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the essential and sole standard of divinely inspired truth about what constitutes both human morality as such and the moral foundation of ordained ministry. We repudiate all claims that any other practice or provision is faithful to what it means to be Episcopalian, Anglican, or indeed Christian.**

