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Proposal 3 The Sanctity of Marriage

That the Synod:

Call the National Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia to affirm the sanctity and uniqueness of marriage as resolved by the 1997 National Assembly and acknowledged by the 2012 National Assembly.

Rationale

The consequences of redefining marriage as between a man and a woman to include same-sex unions are serious:

- *The clear biblical witness to the creation of human beings in the image of God as male and female (Gen 1:27; Matt 19:4) and to marriage as the one flesh union of husband and wife (Gen 2:24; Matt 19:5) will be undermined.*
- *The Uniting Church's doctrine of marriage as 'the unique sign of the unity which is promised in Christ' (Jeremiah 31: 32 and Ephesians 5: 21-32) will be severed from its biblical roots.*
- *The intrinsic God-given relationship between children and their biological parents will be intentionally broken.*

In the light of these serious consequences which clarify what holds the Uniting Church within the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, we believe it is therefore appropriate and necessary for the Qld Synod to adopt this proposal.

Proposers

A proposal from one of Synod's reporting bodies (committee, board, presbytery, task group) should be submitted and signed by an authorised officer of the body

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