

RESOLUTION

Whereas having determined that providing Marriage as a pastoral service is in the best interest of St. Luke's culture and context, be it resolved that effective immediately the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church as of February 2014, hereby adopt the following Marriage Policy applicable to any couple seeking to be married at St. Luke's:

- 1) Prior to the service, the couple must have been provided with competent preparation for a covenant relationship;
- 2) At least one of the individuals of the couple must be baptized and at least one connected to our faith community;
- 3) The Bishop's permission must have been received if the proposed marriage is a re-marriage for either individual;
- 4) The liturgy for the service will either be from *The Book of Common Prayer* or in the case of same-gender marriage from *Liturgical Resources I: I Will Bless You and You Will be a Blessing*;
- 5) The couple must have reviewed and agreed to any pertinent fee structure as may be associated with holding a wedding service at St. Luke's.

Authored January 20, 2014 by Linda R. Pagnano in keeping with the process for marriage outlined by Brian N. Prior Bishop, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, in his letter to congregations dated May 14, 2013.

Adopted by consensus of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry
10 February 2014