

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT HEALING AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS  
THE TENNESSEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Whereas*, the United Methodist Church often stood at the forefront of the Civil Rights movement in the United States, even as it has recognized many obvious failures and has repented publicly and confessed those failures; and

*Whereas*, there are certainly civil rights issues involved in the various discussions concerning human sexuality; and

*Whereas*, the United Methodist Church has stood admirably with those seeking equal access to housing, hospital visitation rights, and civil protections for LGBTQ populations; and

*Whereas*, not all the issues surrounding current discussions of human sexuality involve civil rights; and

*Whereas*, in Scripture God stands for the rights of the marginalized and oppressed yet never healed or liberated anyone from being Asian, or European, or African, or Male, or Female; and

*Whereas*, God in Scripture DOES heal people from sexual brokenness and DOES teach repeatedly what is and what is not healthy human sexual expression; and

*Whereas*, the righteousness of defending the civil rights of all peoples compliments and does not conflict with the Righteous teaching and healing of God;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Tennessee Annual Conference recognizes the difference between God's righteousness in calling for the Civil Rights of all peoples and the righteousness of God in healing and liberating people from all kinds of sins and brokenness.

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