

*The St. Paul's vestry unanimously approved this resolution on March 17, 2010*

### **Saint Paul's Hospitality Resolution**

Whereas we are called by God to be a welcoming and reconciling community; and

Whereas Saint Paul's mission statement for the past ten years and its collect calls upon us to be "an inviting, welcoming, and nurturing community for all to worship;" and

Whereas the parish of Saint Paul's claims that "everyone is welcome without exception;" and

Whereas this vestry desires to make it clear to all persons that they are invited and welcomed to worship God at Saint Paul's and to fully participate in the ministries of this parish; therefore be it

Resolved that all persons regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity are invited and welcomed into the full ministries of this parish; and furthermore be it

Resolved that the rector shall apply for Saint Paul's to become a "Believe Out Loud Episcopal Congregation," as designated by Integrity, an Episcopal advocacy ministry.

Submitted by The Rev. Earl D. Beshears  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010.