

WE ARE FOR MARRIAGE PROTECTION IN IOWA

We are United Methodists. We ask our Church to continue its strong stand for marriage and to work for the Marriage Protection Constitutional Amendment.

We support The United Methodist Church's strong stand for marriage as a union of one man and one woman, including these statements in the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* (2008):

- "We affirm the sanctity of the marriage covenant that is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment, and shared fidelity between a man and a woman." (Paragraph 161B.)
- "We support laws in civil society that define marriage as the union of one man and one woman." (Paragraph 161B.)
- "Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage." (Paragraph 161F.)
- "Fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness." (Paragraph 304.2.)
- "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches". (Paragraph 341.6.)

The Iowa Constitution should be amended as soon as possible to define marriage as a union of one man and one woman. We ask our Iowa Church and individual Iowa United Methodists to work for this Marriage Protection Amendment. A Constitutional Amendment is the only law that can restore the meaning of marriage in Iowa and reverse the Iowa Supreme Court decision.

We support the Marriage Protection Amendment because of what we are **for**, not what we are against. We are **for** God's loving plan for man, woman, and marriage as revealed in the Bible. Jesus strongly defended, and the Bible as a whole strongly affirms, marriage as a God-ordained lifelong covenant between one man and one woman.

We are **for** one-man-one-woman marriage as an essential foundation for a strong, stable society. A huge and growing amount of research proves that children benefit greatly when they have a married mother and father — and marriage benefits the community, state, nation, and world.

We Support this Petition to the Leaders of Our Church.

It will be presented to our Bishop and other church leaders.

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