

A RESOLUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF
HOPE HULL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TO PETITION THE ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TO UPHOLD OUR CURRENT DENOMINATIONAL STANDARDS REGARDING HOMOSEXUALITY

Whereas Hope Hull United Methodist Church has throughout its history adhered to the Bible as the Word of God and to the *United Methodist Book of Discipline* for the maintenance of sound doctrine and proper practice within the connection of the United Methodist Church, and

Whereas our purpose as a congregation is to reach men and women with the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ and to enable their maturation as faithful biblically grounded Christian disciples, and

Whereas the United Methodist Church has maintained throughout its history that the practice of homosexuality is contrary to the Holy Scriptures, the will of God, and the *Discipline* of our denomination, and

Whereas in recent months words and deeds and actions of bishops and clergy of the United Methodist Church have publically decried, defied, and denied the applicability of our continued opposition to the practice of homosexuality and to any recognition of same-sex unions,

Therefore be it resolved that we, the Administrative Board of Hope Hull United Methodist Church meeting October 6, 2014, call upon the Alabama-West Florida Conference to uphold the currently held position and standards of the United Methodist Church regarding homosexuality, and to contend that they be maintained throughout the Annual Conference. We call upon the Bishop, the Cabinet, and the clergy to hold one another in mutual accountability to maintain the biblical and Disciplinary order of our connection as an Annual Conference.

Be it further resolved that the Bishop and Delegation of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference to the 2016 General Conference work earnestly for the continuation of our current standards and for the appropriate accountability to do so.