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From the A050 Task Force on the Study of Marriage

Resolution A050 of General Convention of The Episcopal Church directs The Task Force on the Study of Marriage to "*consult with couples living in marriage and in other lifelong committed relationships and with single adults.*" The working group on Conversations and Consultations, and Changing Norms is using the principles laid out in General Convention Resolution D039-2000 as the framework for responses it hopes to receive from across The Episcopal Church.

D039 names the values that the church upholds for its members in relationship with another: "*fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God.*"

Our goal is to hear from as many people as possible. While also using traditional survey methods for responses we are using social media and new technology as well. Episcopalians are invited record a one minute statement about their relationship or one with which they are familiar in which they have seen the image of G_D.

These need not be professionally recorded video statements. Use of a Smartphone or flip cam for recording is all that is expected. Make sure to 1) state only your first name, 2) respond only to the question posed, 3) speak slowly and clearly during your one-minute message and 4) not exceed 1 minute. We should also be able to see you clearly so make sure there is sufficient lighting for your recording.

Video messages may be uploaded to the dedicated YouTube Channel of the Task Force on Marriage

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UChbLobftcghmWgJW72qnwA/playlists>.

Submissions will be reviewed by members of the Task Force for possible inclusion on the YouTube Channel. All messages will be screened and slanderous or obscene messages will be removed. The Task Force on the Study of Marriage reserves the right to eliminate messages that are considered offensive and/or that are more than 1 minute in length.

The Task Force has a dedicated Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/A050taskforce>. where Episcopalians are invited to respond to questions posted by the working group on Conversations, Consultations and Changing Norms. You are also invited and encouraged to post links to articles, blogs and other media that might provide insight into the work of the Task Force on the Study of Marriage.