

**ACS 2011 Petition : Equality for All in Christian Marriage
California Nevada Annual Conference 2011**

We joyfully affirm that we support clergy who offer the grace of the Church's blessing to any prepared couple desiring Christian marriage.

We are convinced by the witness of others and are compelled by Spirit and conscience to act.

We thank the many United Methodists who have already called for full equality and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the life of the Church.

We repent that it has taken us so long to act. We realize that our church's discriminatory policies tarnish the witness of the Church to the world, and we are complicit.

We value our covenant relationships and ask everyone to hold the divided community of the United Methodist Church in prayer.

Any United Methodist member of a church in California Nevada Annual Conference is welcomed to sign in support.

I have chosen to sign the Equality for All in Christian Marriage Statement and I am a member of a church of the California Nevada Annual Conference.

Signature _____

Name _____ Local Church _____

Please return the signed petition by email to:

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Or by mail to:

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