



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

THE RIGHT REVEREND SAMUEL JOHNSON HOWARD, D.D.

BISHOP OF FLORIDA

Statement Regarding Resolution B012

The Bishop has been clear about his pastoral advice regarding same-sex marriage, but the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and Bishop Howard are committed to honoring Resolution B012. The decision to perform such marriages now rests entirely with Rectors and Priests in Charge. Accordingly, the Diocese has established a process of collaboration and transparency when a Rector or Priest in Charge chooses to perform a same-sex marriage. When that decision is made, the Priest in Charge is asked to meet with the Bishop. The wardens of the parish will also be invited to the meeting in order that the conversation can be transparent and open to all the leadership of the congregation. After meeting with the Priest and Wardens, the Bishop will be prepared to find another bishop willing to undertake pastoral oversight in accordance with the provisions of B012.