

## 2006 PRE SYNOD RESOLUTION ON COMMUNION WITH THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, USA

**Subject: Communion with the Episcopal Church**  
**Submitted by: Christ The King Moravian Church**  
**Assigned to : Ecumenism Ministry Group**

**WHEREAS** The definition of full communion states that parties to the relationship recognize each others' rites and practices as well as the spiritual and institutional leadership of involved denominations including validation of each others' ordinations; and

**WHEREAS** The Moravian Church Southern Province (MCSP) is moving toward "a future proposal of full communion" with The Episcopal Church, USA (ECUSA) pursuant to the 2002 Synod Resolution #23; and

**WHEREAS** The ECUSA has continued to stray theologically in practice and doctrine from orthodox Christianity and values Heresy over division; and

**WHEREAS** The ECUSA has been sanctioned, and is out of communion with its own parent denomination, the Anglican Church, due to its activity and refusal to submit to the authority of the Anglican Church; and

**WHEREAS** The ECUSA has consecrated a practicing homosexual as bishop and is moving toward recognizing gay marriage; and

**WHEREAS** The ECUSA is losing members, clergy and financial support as a result of abandoning orthodoxy; and

**WHEREAS** Being tied to the ECUSA in full communion would require MCSP to endorse its activities, thereby opening our own pulpits to unsound doctrine; straining relations globally between the Anglican Communion and the Unity, and causing internal division, and

**WHEREAS** The MCSP has nothing to gain institutionally by entering into such a relationship; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** That all meetings, conversations and any other activity with the primary or causal effect of moving the MCSP toward full communion with the ECUSA be brought to an immediate end and not recommence until such time as the ECUSA returns to full communion with the Anglican Church and has a coherent, Biblical doctrine consistent with the 39 articles and Christian orthodoxy.