

STILL STANDING

By The Rev. Rod Richards

We will not stand for discrimination disguised as morality, nor for the arbitrary denial of rights based on sexual orientation

for we are standing on the side of love.

We will not stand for legislation based on fear and insecurity nor for continued oppression disguised as marriage protection

for we are standing on the side of love.

We will not stand for Constitutional amendments that restrict rights rather than expand them nor for laws that separate and stigmatize

for we are standing on the side of love.

We will not stand for religious leaders who exclude and demonize nor for those who would use faith to divide us

for we are standing on the side of love.

We are standing on the side of love and...

We *will* stand with those who are oppressed, misunderstood, or denied, and for communities that promote understanding

for we are standing on the side of love.

We *will* stand for the grace, embedded in this life, which leaves no one out, and for the Spirit of life and love available to all

for we are standing on the side of love.

We *will* stand for the rights of free individuals to love whom they will

for we are standing on the side of love.

We *will* stand together to conquer *all of our own* prejudices, misunderstandings, and short-sightedness,

for we are standing on the side of love.

We will stand faithfully, with an undying hope in our hearts

for we are standing on the side of love.

We will stand together until there are no more sides

for we are standing on the side of love.