

Fact Sheet on Resolution #3
Establishing the Rights of Same-Gender Couples
Committee on Social Concerns

- The resolution is intended as compassionate action which supports the dignity and worth of all people in our community.
- The resolution affirms the Buddhist principles of Universal Compassion and Interdependence.
- This resolution affirms the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha to save all beings equally without exception.
- The resolution affirms our responsibility toward others by responding in gratitude to the Great Wisdom and Compassion of the Buddha.
- The resolution upholds our values found in "The Golden Chain".
- The resolution promotes discussion within our Sangha as to how the Dharma applies to real world issues.
- The resolution seeks to share the Dharma with and educate the larger community on what we believe as a faith community.
- The resolution affirms our responsibility as Buddhists to alleviate suffering in all forms.
- The resolution seeks to share our voice with the larger community and make it known that we do not support discrimination in any form and that we uphold the civil rights of all people.
- This resolution supports diversity and the Aloha spirit that are the universally accepted foundations of local culture.
- The resolution does not advocate for or against any specific legislation.
- The resolution makes a general statement about an issue without jeopardizing the temple's tax-exempt status.
- This resolution affirms that the government should not uphold the beliefs of specific religious traditions to the exclusion of others.
- The resolution affirms the current practice of Shin Buddhist ministers performing ceremonies for same-gender couples.
- This resolution is simply a statement of beliefs and values that we share collectively as followers of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.