

**Cleveland Park Congregational
United Church of Christ**

**Motion Authorizing Amendment to the Church's Constitution to Declare Ourselves an
Open and Affirming Church**

For Consideration at the Annual Meeting
January 28, 2007

WHEREAS, the Lord requires each one of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God,

WHEREAS, We, the members of Cleveland Park Congregational United Church of Christ (Cleveland Park Church), seek to serve the Lord each and every day,

WHEREAS, We, the members of Cleveland Park Church, seek to create a community of faith that affirms individuals regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Cleveland Park Church, seek a community of faith that is safe, stimulating and supportive of everyone no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Cleveland Park Church, seek to welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender, and trans-sexual persons who wish to join our community of faith without reservation or exception.

On this 28th day of January 2007, We, the members of Cleveland Park Church, approve the following amendment to the Church's constitution:

“Members of the church declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Church in response to the call of the United Church of Christ General Synod 15.”

This sentence is added to Article IV, Faith, Covenant, and Sacraments of the Cleveland Park Church's constitution.