

Substitute Motion, submitted by Michael Haggin:

Motion: to adopt the following policy statement

**POLICY STATEMENT BY THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS
in response to the adoption of Amendment 10-A
to the PC(USA) Form of Government in the spring of 2011**

1. The minister members and elder commissioners of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos are very favorably impressed by the reasoning and conclusions in two Presbyterian theological statements on the Church and homosexuality: "The Church and Homosexuality: Policy Statements and Recommendations" (UPCUSA General Assembly *Minutes 1978*, 261-266) and "Homosexuality and the Church: A Position Paper" (PCUS General Assembly *Minutes 1979*, 361-365). They commend these statements to the close study and respectful attention of every person who seeks ordination by this Presbytery or any of its congregations, who seeks minister membership in this Presbytery, who seeks a call approved by this Presbytery, or who seeks any position of leadership or trust in this Presbytery.
2. The Presbytery directs the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and the Nominating Committee to take this declaration into account as they do their work for and on behalf of this Presbytery and the Church Universal.
3. The Presbytery recommends that each session in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos consider the wisdom of this declaration as they examine candidates for ordination or installation to the offices of elder and deacon.

The two statements mentioned in #1., above, are conveniently available in [Charles Wiley, ed.] Selected Theological Statements of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assemblies (1956-1998, (Louisville, KY: 1998), pp. 46-61