

The Annual Meeting of
The Pacific Southwest
District
of the
Unitarian Universalist
Association
and
Camp de Benneville Pines,
Inc.



April 23-25, 2004

The Board of Trustees of Pacific Southwest District recommends that the delegates gathered at this Assembly adopt the following resolution in support of same sex civil marriage:

BECAUSE as Unitarian Universalists we covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

BECAUSE by traveling together in religious community, we have come to know deeply that we need not love alike to love each other, and because the love we have for each other demands action in the face of injustice;

BECAUSE our varied understandings of God and our ongoing engagement with religious texts call us to speak out in favor of same sex civil marriage;

BECAUSE for more than thirty years Unitarian Universalists have been ordaining bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender people and performing same sex unions;

BECAUSE we see that state-imposed restrictions on civil marriage place an unfair and unjustified burden on same sex couples to support and care for one another and to foster the healthy development of their children;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the 2004 Assembly of the Pacific Southwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations encourages all members and member congregations in California, Nevada and Arizona to publicly advocate for fair legal treatment for same sex families;

THEREFORE be it further resolved that the 2004 Assembly of the Pacific Southwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations urges immediate passage of legislation to grant legal recognition and support to same sex civil marriages.

**Adopted
April 24, 2004**