



## Reconciling Taskforce's Proposed Resolution:

Whereas, the Church Council of the Los Altos United Methodist Church approved the "Resolution for Clergy Participation in Pre-Commitment Counseling and Covenant Commitment Ceremonies" on October 29, 2012, which read:

*"Therefore, be it resolved that the Church Council of the Los Altos United Methodist Church will offer all our clergy complete moral and spiritual support as they seek to fulfill the ministerial duties they judge appropriate in serving all people seeking a covenant commitment ceremony, including pre-commitment counseling and presiding over any subsequent covenant commitment ceremony.*

*Be it further resolved, with the clear understanding that the Los Altos United Methodist Church Council does not possess the authority to grant permission for our pastors to perform covenant commitment ceremonies of same gender couples, the Church Council will not stand in the way of our clergy, if they choose to do so.*

*Believing in Jesus' command to "love God and neighbor," we make this resolution in an act of justice."*

And whereas, with full faith in our clergy and our conference leaders, both of whom are making conscientious decisions for inclusion rather than exclusion, the Los Altos United Methodist Church, a reconciling church since 2010, desires to take one more step to be fully welcoming.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Los Altos United Methodist Church opens its Sanctuary to bless, perform, and affirm marriage and commitment covenants that are expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment, and shared fidelity, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.



*Touching heaven, changing earth  
with head, heart and hands*

**Sunday, February 25, 2018  
Genesis 32:22-31**

*We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. Ponder them yourself, or discuss them with friends. Some of our small groups use them for discussion; if you would like to participate in a group, visit [www.laumc.org/grouplife](http://www.laumc.org/grouplife).*

1. What do you think Jacob was feeling as he wrestled with God?
2. What is God wrestling with you about in your life?
3. In what ways have you allowed ambition or drive to damage your relationships with others or with God?
4. What is your reaction to finding something you don't like in self-examination?
5. In what ways does your own brokenness scare you?
6. What does it mean to you to know that there's nothing you can do to make God love you less?