

# **Classis of Schenectady**

## **Reformed Church in America**

**WHEREAS: The Classis of Schenectady has long been committed to the witness of unity in the midst of diversity, and;**

**WHEREAS: The Classis of Schenectady has been a witness to the broader church on how to “be in this together, for good”**

**WHEREAS: The Classis of Schenectady has adopted a bylaw of non-discrimination in regards to LGBTQ people and has rejected division, even in the midst of our differing views, and;**

**WHEREAS: The General Conference of the United Methodist Church today, February 26, 2019, voted to codify discriminatory practices into church law, barring LGBTQ people from being ordained and from same-sex couples from marrying, which will result in inexplicable harm to LGBTQ people, and;**

**WHEREAS: The witness of the broader church is harmed when discrimination against any people is the rule of the church, therefore, be it:**

**RESOLVED: That the Classis of Schenectady offers prayers to our LGBTQ siblings in Christ who have experienced and will experience discrimination as a result of this decision, calls upon all those who have caused harm to repent, and recommits our witness to the broader church to be “in this together, for good.”**

**Adopted unanimously in full stated session, this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two-thousand nineteen.**

**Rev. Lindsey DeKruif  
Stated Clerk  
Classis of Schenectady**