

RESOLUTION NO. 127
Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis’
Continued Commitment to Families in the City of St. Louis

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis (MCCGSL) has been at the forefront of organizing and activism for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights since 1973; and

WHEREAS, MCCGSL extends welcome and refuge in the face of violence, persecution, and rejection; and

WHEREAS, MCCGSL models the inclusive, compassionate, and liberating values that are needed to heal this region and the world; and

WHEREAS, on March 29th, 2016, with the hiring of Karen Yang as the Minister of Family Programming, MCCGSL became the first church in its worldwide denomination to hire a full-time family minister; and

WHEREAS, Karen will work to further MCCGSL’s commitment to being an ecumenical, non-racist, non-sexist, non-homophobic, and non-transphobic community that raises all kinds of children from all kinds of families; and

WHEREAS, in a spiritual landscape where many parents, LGBTQ parents included, are looking for a progressive environment to raise their children, MCCGSL is now uniquely positioned to provide just that, an environment where: a) kids will be taught to ask questions and find their own spiritual path with guidance, b) kids will be taught to be inclusive and loving toward all people, especially those who are different from them, and c) guardians can expect their kids will be safe and treasured.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we honor the Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis for their continued commitment to families—families of choice, interracial families, adoptive families, blended families, families with single parents or parents of the same gender—and recognize the significance of the role of Minister of Family Programming in service to the residents of the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings.

Introduced on the 30th day of September, 2016 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 30th day of September, 2016 as attested by:

Timothy O’Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen