

SKIT – “THE BAPTISM”

JOAN Gary, please reconsider.

GARY I won't , Joan. We're talking about a baptism here. Two women wanting their child baptized. And we can't approach the session about it if Jill and Diane insist they both be named as Devon's parents.

JOAN Well, then there won't be a baptism, Gary.

You know the girls only agreed to the baptism in the first place, because it's so important to US. If we tell them Diane can't be part of the service, they won't want to go ahead with it.

Don't you want our whole family there? Don't you care about how Diane will feel, even by just the suggestion that she not be recognized?

GARY You know I care. But you also know the people on the session!

JOAN Yes... and most of them are kind, sensitive people, ...good friends, too.

GARY But not all of them, Joan. Grant and Ellen are so narrow minded, I cant' even imagine how they would react to the news that Jill is a lesbian. And I can just hear Bob Hansonhe'll be quoting scriptures about the evils of homosexuality.

JOAN The others won't let him get away with that, Gary.

GARY You remember what happened in 1988, Joan. Our council sent a petition to General Council. And remember how furious everyone was when they found out how Colin and the Minister voted.

JOAN There were lots of people who agreed with Colin and Maureen. They were proud of them for voting they way they did. Remember Maureen's sermon when she explained about everything they had learned ...why they changed their minds? Most people understood and were glad.

GARY Not everyone. Most people are afraid to even talk about it. Look at us, Joan! How many people in our church have we told about Jill ? People just want to forget about the whole issue. They don't want to talk about it because they don't want to rock the boat.

That's why we have no policy on same gender marriage either.

JOAN Well, maybe this baptism will get them talking. Maybe this is just what our church needs, ...a crisis to get them moving,

GARY You're right Joan, they do need a crisis - a swift kick!

(pause) I just don't want that crisis to be our granddaughter