

## **LET'S TRANSFORM**

### **THIS**

#### **WELCOME ABOARD, BUT PLEASE DON'T STAND UP IN OUR CANOE**

You really are most welcome and we hope you've come to stay,  
You say you are a couple and we hope you don't mean Gay,  
We always welcome strangers but we find it hard to see  
Why some people dress so oddly - so differently from me.  
To see two women holding hands, or men exchange a kiss  
Upsets some older members whose offerings we'd miss.  
You really are so welcome and as far as I'm concerned  
When your relationships' kept secret, your presence isn't spurned,  
But it's the other members, who prize their moral stance  
And they can see you're different without a second glance.  
You really are so welcome and your presence we embrace  
We need you younger members or our closure we will face  
So we will turn a blind eye to the way that you behave.  
To be like you, in a place like this, must mean you're very brave.  
You say you have two children - I don't dare ask 'How come?'  
How quaint that they both should call you Mum and Mum\*  
You really are most welcome and we will work with zeal.  
To tolerate your strangeness and make your welcome real.

### **TO THIS!!**

#### **WE ARE MAKING THE CIRCLE WIDER.**

Can you really feel our welcome? it is genuine and true  
We celebrate your presence and we value you for You.  
We are different from each other throughout the human race  
And diversity is precious, you're uniqueness we embrace.  
As pilgrims on a journey we're at stages on the path  
Some are more enlightened, others working on first draft,  
But our hearts and minds are open, old prejudice we own,  
As we try to build a haven in this place we call our home.  
You are welcome at the table where the bread of life is shared  
And we want to be inclusive, as ones who really cared.

*By Rev. Roy Huntly – 10 x '10 Action Group Nov 2009*