

Resolution On Selective Service Registration and Potential Conscription
of Women to Military Service
Reformed Episcopal Council of Bishops

WHEREAS, The Bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church in their 2016 Resolution On Women in Combat expressed our biblical and theological concerns regarding women in combat; and

WHEREAS, this concern prompted us to call upon the President, Congress, and all military leaders to reverse the present policy and to restore the historic limitation of military combat service to males only; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was not heeded and women now serve in all capacities including combat roles; and

WHEREAS, given the current political and cultural milieu, there is a possibility that women may be included in Selective Service registration and thus be susceptible to a military draft; and

WHEREAS, some of our female members may, on the basis of their theological and biblical concerns, object to serving in the military especially in combat roles.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church, do, with loyal respect and deep concern, voice our objection to the registration of and potential conscription of women: and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we offer the teaching and pastoral offices of this church to promote the biblical and theological standards set forth in our 2016 Resolution on Woman in Combat; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we offer the teaching and pastoral offices of this church to promote and instruct our members in their distinct biblical duties as male and female; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we call upon members of the Reformed Episcopal Church to resist the movement towards radical feminism and to embrace the call of being biblically male and female filling distinct roles as equal members of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.