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ARTICLE OF FAITH IX—JUSTIFICATION, REGENERATION,  
AND ADOPTION  
Oregon Pacific District General Assembly Delegation  
*Manual 11 (Article of Faith IX)*

RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 11 be amended as follows:

11. We believe that adoption is that gracious act of God by which the justified and regenerated believer is constituted a [son] child of God.

REASONS:

1. The rationale for such a change is not so much predicated on the sensitivities of perceived sexist language that excludes female believers who have been adopted by God into His family (although that perception may very well exist) so much as several modern English translations refer to “child [or children] of God” when specifically referring to the doctrine of adoption.
2. To cite two biblical examples –
  - “So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God’s very own children, adopted into his family—calling him ‘Father, dear Father.’” (Romans 8:15, New Living Translation)
  - “He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.” (Ephesians 1:5, New Revised Standard Version)
3. The other reason for the change is for the sake of continuity as the phrase, “a son of God,” to refer to believers appears nowhere else in the Articles of Faith.