V. Gene Robinson
IX Bishop of New Hampshire

Bishop V. Gene Robinson was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003, having served as Canon to the Ordinary (Assistant to the Bishop) for almost 18 years. He was consecrated on All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2003, and was invested as the Ninth Bishop of New Hampshire on March 7, 2004. He is the first openly gay priest to be elected bishop in the Anglican communion.

Bishop Robinson was born in Lexington, Kentucky on May 29, 1947. He is a 1969 graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee with a B.A. in American Studies/History. He completed the M. Div. degree in 1973 at the General Theological Seminary in New York, was ordained deacon, then priest, serving as Curate at Christ Church Ridgewood, New Jersey.

He has co-authored three AIDS education curricula for youth and adults. Gene has done AIDS work in the United States and in Africa (Uganda and South Africa). He holds two honorary

doctorates and has received numerous awards from national civil rights organizations. Clergy wellness has long been a focus of Gene's ministry.

In 2006 author Elizabeth Adams wrote "Going to Heaven", the life and election of V. Gene Robinson. His story is featured in the 2007 feature-length documentary, "For the Bible Tells Me So", a film by Daniel Karslake. In 2008 Bishop Robinson wrote "In the Eye of the Storm" . . . a "book about who I am."

Bishop Robinson has received many awards, and made an enormous impact on the GLBT community. He was selected to deliver the invocation at the kick-off event of President Barack Obama's inaugural weekend in January 2009.

In 2012 a DVD "Love Free or Die", directed by Macky Alston of Groundswell (offices in NYC), was produced to tell the story of the first openly gay person to be elected a Christian bishop. A national premiere was shown on PBS stations in late October, 2012.

"God Believes in Love: Straight Talk about Gay Marriage" is Bishop Robinson's latest book, published in 2012. Robinson's hope is this book will be a tool to be used for those who don't understand GLBT issues.

Bishop Robinson will retire as ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire in January 2013. He plans to work part-time in Washington, D.C. as a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress (the think-tank founded by former White House chief of staff John Podesta). He will be writing and speaking on a variety of social issues.