



COVENANTAL PLEDGES FOR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ISSUES OF SEXUALITY

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- We acknowledge that the full range of issues of human sexuality exists within the church.
- We acknowledge that gay and lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer persons (as well as members of other sexual minorities*) are full and faithful members of the Church.
- We will always assume that gay or lesbian persons (or members of other sexual minorities*) are present.
- While we may disagree on issues, we will use language which respects the dignity and worth of others and the truth of their lives.
- We will respect the right of people to ‘name’ themselves and their experience.
- We will only ask questions that we would be prepared to respond to ourselves.
- We will respect people’s privacy.
- We will practice confidentiality.
- We will respect people’s integrity as followers of Jesus.
- We will be mindful and respectful of time.