

STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

This document is intended to articulate the understanding of Scriptural teaching on human sexuality by The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

- 1. Creation and Sexuality:** God created man and women in His own image, and pronounced them good. Human nature as created consists of a number of dimensions that influence one another. Sexuality is one of these dimensions.
- 2. God-honouring Expression of Sexuality:** All human activity, including the expression of sexuality, should have as its end the honouring of God. Those pursuing godliness are to live lives of purity in thought, word and deed, including purity with reference to sexuality. God is honoured by the mutually intimate physical expression of sexuality when this expression occurs between a man and a woman within a monogamous marriage.
- 3. Fallenness and Sexuality:** Through human disobedience to God, all dimensions of human nature, individually and collectively, have been corrupted. Thus, human sexuality is subject to abuse and misuse which dishonours God.
- 4. God-dishonouring Expression of Sexuality:** God is dishonoured by anything which displaces him from his rightful place of priority in one's life. Therefore, He is dishonoured, for example, by sexual obsession, the intimate physical expression of sexuality outside of marriage, sexual activity between persons of the same sex, between an adult and a child, between close relatives, or between a person and an animal.
- 5. Forgiveness and Sexuality:** While some temporal effects of sexual sins may remain, sexual sins, like any other sins, can be forgiven by God through Jesus Christ, upon confession and repentance.

Amendments

This Statement may be amended by a majority vote of General Assembly, written notice having been given prior to General Assembly.

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