

News Release

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Church must end the obsession with sex.

The last few weeks have demonstrated that the Church of England and the Anglican Communion are being torn apart by the obsessive promotion of sexual practices which the Church of God has always rejected. The evidence all shows that if the Church of England continues on this path it will decline and disintegrate. Therefore:

We call on all clergy and laity to uphold the God ordained standard that sexual intercourse belongs solely within the lifelong union of a man and a woman.

We call on all who have fallen short of this standard in any way to repent of their sins and seek to live, by the grace and power of God, in accordance with His revealed will.

We call on all Bishops within the Church to uphold this teaching, to refute those who teach otherwise and to discipline those who will not abide by it.

We call on those groups that promote sexual intercourse outside lifelong heterosexual marriage to disband for the sake of Christ and His church.

We call on all committed Christians to examine their own lives, to repent of their sins, to pray for the future of the Church and to seek to be obedient to the Word of God, the scriptures of the Old and New Testament.

We call on all committed Christians to make mission their priority, copying the model of the Lord Jesus Christ in calling all people, of whatever background or circumstance to repent and believe the gospel.

We commit ourselves to live by these principles.

On behalf of the Church Society Council.

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