General Synod 2004 – List of Resources for Anglican Messenger

Category: Human Sexuality

Books:


Boswell’s research led him to the ‘discovery of a same-sex marriage ceremony – sanctioned and routinely performed by the Church throughout the Early Christian and Middle Ages. In debating the “gay marriage ceremony”, he provides an odyssey through history and societal attitudes.’


This study guide will interest Christians concerned about non-traditional relationships and homosexuality and the church’s response. It includes open-ended questions, suggested Scripture passages, and case studies from an Anglican context to assist thoughtful discussion.


This book presents an in-depth, thorough and respectful presentation of the Catholic position on homosexuality, from a theological and pastoral perspective.


In this study of sexuality, the author leads the reader through a study of scripture about sex in a different way. It discusses purity codes and property rights, and ties how many of the canonical authors related their ethics concerning sex, women and children to these codes.


Writers from divergent points of view deal with questions concerning homosexuality.


Focussing on the 1998 Lambeth Conference resolution on scripture and sexuality, Gibson examines those topics and examines the way cultural norms influence our understanding of biblical authority. He offers both a challenge to the church and a way forward that honours the Bible, tradition, and our evolving culture.


The homosexuality debate touches on the authority of scripture and on the doctrines of creation, fall, redemption, and hope. These essays are by authors representing a cross-section of the church,
whose common concern, expressed in a diversity of perspectives, is to offer a sign of hope in this divisive debate.


Essays, written by Episcopalian and Anglican scholars and theologians, address the many concerns about the church’s views on human sexuality and homosexuality.


Using studies by Boswell, Countryman and others, Helminiak examines biblical scholarship about homosexuality, stressing the need for accurate understanding of what the biblical “facts” are, and the need to read the Bible with an understanding of the context of the times in which it was written.


The authors examine how scientific research has been used within church debates about homosexuality, in particular within Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal contexts. They look at the most recent and best research, sort out what it shows, interpret its relevance to the moral debate within the church, and make a strong case for a traditional Christian sexual ethic.


This is an intermediate-level text focusing on diversity in gender roles and sexual attitudes, critical thinking, making responsible sexual decisions, and sexual health. It examines historical, biological, psychological, cultural, and sociological perspectives on the human sexual experience, and covers research methods, reproductive anatomy, attraction, communication, sex therapy, AIDS, rape, and commercial sex. (Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR)


A collection of essays looking at how the church has addressed moral issues of human sexuality, birth technologies, abortion, the justice of the economic order, and the use of military force. Coming from different backgrounds, they all share a common understanding of the discipline of Christian ethics and moral theology.


Church authorities discuss the place of homosexuals in the community of faith in a balanced treatment of the issues and with contrasting insights.


**Periodical Articles:**

Because liberal religious authors have advocated the blessings of extra-marital and homosexual sexual activity, evangelicals must take a stand for biblical truth concerning these issues.

Focuses on the sexuality documents produced by Protestant churches to address the phenomenon of human sexuality in relation to the Holy Scriptures. Controversy about the documents; anatomy of biblical authority; conflicts in texts to conflicts in communities.

Questions Roman Catholic Church’s exclusion of sexual nonconformist from Eucharistic community. Discussion on Eucharist and community; description on sin and Eucharistic community; explanation on divorce, remarriage and the Eucharist.

Argues for the ordination of homosexuals in the American Presbyterian Church. Passages in the Bible that are regularly used improving that homosexuality is a sin; claim that the Bible does not deal with homosexuality as understood today; lack of passage in the Bible that labels all homosexuality as sin.

Focuses on Aboriginal views relating to human sexuality. Reference to a study conducted by researchers at the University of Toronto pertaining to Aboriginals’ attitudes toward sex; Elders’ difficulty in talking about sex; contemporary Aboriginal men’s conflicting views on sexuality.

Views the issue of human sexuality from the Bible’s perspective, on what it means to be a female or male creature. Concept of ‘being human’ from Bible’s perspective, especially in relation to Israel; conclusions about the human condition based on the overview from the Scripture; concept of homosexuality, then and in the twentieth century.

These two special issues of the Journal of Psychology & Theology focus on a number of concerns the editors considered helpful in the current cultural context in which we live and work.

Trigg, Joseph W. “What do the church fathers have to tell us about sex?” Anglican Theological Review, 74 (1992): 18.
Focuses on the debate about human sexuality in the Episcopal Church in relation to the views of early church Fathers. Church Father’s teaching about sexual behaviour outside of marriage; difference in the approach of the modern and early church to sexuality; examples from the writings of church Fathers.


Internet Sites:

Integrity in Canada
An international movement of Anglican gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and friends, working for full inclusion of lesbians and gays within the life of the Anglican Church. There are about seventy Integrity chapters worldwide, and three active chapters in Canada: Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto. Their web site is: http://www.geocities.com/integritycanada/

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction: www.indiana.edu/~kinsey/
A private, not-for-profit corporation affiliated with Indiana University. “The mission of The Kinsey Institute is to promote interdisciplinary research and scholarship in the fields of human sexuality, gender, and reproduction.”

National Sexuality Resource Center: http://hmsx.sfsu.edu/institute/nsrc/index.html
Based at San Francisco State University, the NSRC “helps create new dialogues between the public, researchers and community advocates, which strengthen informed responses to critical sexual and social issues. By disseminating accurate information and evidence based research on sexual health, education and rights, NSRC promotes social justice and enhances the quality of life within the United States.”

Sex Information and Education Council of Canada: www.sieccan.org
A national non-profit educational organization established in 1964 to foster public and professional education about human sexuality. SIECCAN is dedicated to informing and educating the public and professionals about all aspects of human sexuality in order to support the positive integration of sexuality into people’s lives. SIECCAN publishes the Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality (CJHS): (www.sieccan.org/cjhs.html), a quarterly peer-reviewed academic journal focusing on the medical, psychological, social, and educational aspects of human sexuality

What Causes Homosexual Desire and Can It Be Changed? By Paul Cameron, Ph. D.
http://www.biblebelievers.com/ Cameron3.html