

# General Synod 2004 - List of Resources for Anglican Messenger

## Category: Human Sexuality

### Books:

Boswell, John. *Christianity, social tolerance, and homosexuality: gay people in Western Europe from the beginning of the Christian era to the fourteenth century*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1980.

Boswell, John. *Same-sex unions in premodern Europe*. New York: Villard Books, 1994.

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.'

Cantlon, Christopher and Pauline Thompson. *An Honourable Estate: Marriage, Same-Sex Unions, and the Church*. Toronto: ABC Publishing, 1997.

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.

Coleman, Gerald D. *Homosexuality: Catholic Teaching and Pastoral Practice*. New York: Paulist Press, 1995.

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

Countryman, Louis William. *Dirt, greed, and sex: sexual ethics in the New Testament and their implications for today*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988.

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.

Feldman, M. Philip. *Sex and sexuality*. London: Longman, 1987.

Geis, Sally B., ed. *Caught in the Crossfire: Helping Christians Debate Homosexuality*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1994.

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

Gibson, Paul. *Discerning the Word: The Bible and Homosexuality in Anglican Debate*. Toronto: Path Books, 2002.

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.

Hamilton, Catherine Sider, ed. *The Homosexuality Debate: Faith Seeking Understanding*. Toronto: ABC Publishing, 2003.

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.

Hefling, Charles C., ed. *Our Selves, Our Souls and Bodies: Sexuality and the Household of God*. Cambridge, Mass.: Cowley Publications, 1996.

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

Helminiak, Daniel A. *What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*. San Francisco: Alamo Square Press, 2000.

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.

Jones, Stanton L. and Mark A. Yarhouse. *Homosexuality: The Use of Scientific Research in the Church's Moral Debate*. Downers Grove, ILL.: Intervarsity Press, 2000.

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.

Rathus, Spencer A., Jeffrey S. Vevid, Lois Fichner-Rathus. *Human Sexuality in a World of Diversity*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2000.

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)

Sedgwick, Timothy F. and Philip Turner, eds. *The Crisis in Moral Teaching in the Episcopal Church*. Harrisburg, Pa.: Morehouse Publishing, 1992.

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.

Siker, Jeffrey S., ed. *Homosexuality in the Church: Both Sides of the Debate*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster/J. Knox Press, 1994.

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

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Rudy, Kathy [Sex and the Church: Gender, Homosexuality, and the Transformation of Christian Ethics](#). Beacon Press, 1997.

## Periodical Articles:

Duin, J. "Human sexuality." *Christianity Today*, 33 (1989): 45.

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.

Fulkerson, Mary McClintock. "Church documents on human sexuality and the authority of scripture." *Interpretation: a Journal of Bible & Theology*, 49 (1995): 46.

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.

Linnane, Brian F. "Human sexuality and Eucharistic community: the politics of participation and exclusion." *Theology & Sexuality: the Journal of the Institute for the Study of Christianity & Sexuality*, Sept. 1998, issue 9: 64.

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.

March, W. Eugene. "A biblical witness to the Committee on Ordination and Human Sexuality." *Network News* 16, issue 3 (1996): 13.

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.

Newhouse, David. "Magic and joy: traditional Aboriginal views on human sexuality." *Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality* 7, issue 2 (1998): 183.

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.

Seitz, Christopher R. "Human sexuality: viewed from the Bible's understanding of the human condition." *Theology Today* 52, issue 2 (1995): 236.

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.

Strauss, Gary H. and Mark A. Yarhouse. "Human sexuality in a sexually polymorphous world." *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 30, nos. 2 and 3 (2002). (Special issues)

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.

Keenan, James F. "The Open Debate: Moral theology and the lives of gay and lesbian persons", *Theological Studies* v.64, 2003

Alpert, Rebecca T. "Facing our differences: the churches and their gay and lesbian members", *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* v.34, 1997.

Lienemann, Wolfgang "Churches and homosexuality: an overview of recent official church statements on sexual orientation", *The Ecumenical Review* v.50, 1998.

### **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/](http://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](http://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](http://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>

