



## SOCIAL ISSUES POSITION STATEMENT

Questions of sexual orientation, marriage and gender identity are being passionately debated in the public forum of our time. As such, Lake Geneva Ministries (LGM) puts forward a policy addressing these matters that will be leveraged across Lake Geneva Ministries.

Based on our understanding of the Bible to be the Word of God for all time for all people and in light of biblical evidence, we believe marriage to be defined by God as a union between a man and a woman.

Furthermore, there is no gender confusion as far as God is concerned as he created people as male and female, which is their gender identity by birth. We will recognize individuals by their biological birth sexual identity.

This position has been affirmed by the board of Lake Geneva Ministries [Lake Geneva Foundation (LGF)] and will be consistently practiced and applied across the ministries of LGM.

### **The LGF Board Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality.**

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the practices of LGM.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, co-habitation, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).