

Tri-Village Christian Church
Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

God wonderfully creates each person as male or female and these two different and complementary genders reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. God has ordained biblical marriage and defined it as the faithful covenant relationship between a biological man, a biological woman, and Himself. Biblical marriage is the only legitimate context for a sexual relationship. Any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and the use of pornography) is sinful, but God through His mercy offers forgiveness and redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord to all who confess, repent, are baptized, and renounce their sin. To those with whom we disagree we offer compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes are inconsistent with Scripture and the doctrines of Tri-Village Christian Church and are to be repudiated.

In order to preserve and pursue the mission of Tri-Village Christian Church as a local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to its youth and to the community in general, the ministers, staff, members, and all other persons employed by Tri-Village Christian Church or who serve as volunteers shall abide by the above statement. Further, Tri-Village Christian Church shall recognize marriage only as between one biological man and one biological woman. The ministers and staff of Tri-Village Christian Church shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one biological man and one biological woman. Finally, the facilities and property of the Tri-Village Christian Church shall host weddings or celebrate marriage anniversaries only when between one biological man and one biological woman.

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