



Beyond GS2055 - Looking Forward

If GS2055 is not the way forward, what is?

OneBodyOneFaith proposes these actions as a start on a new road:

- A new **Sexuality and Relationships Working Group** - a working group of the Archbishops' Council, charged with holding the theological diversity of the Church of England in this matter, and in particular:
 - How different perspectives live with each other
 - How the church develops theologically in this sphere
 - How pastoral oversight is given in a context of diversity

- A commitment to a **significant level of LGBTI+ representation** on each of the boards, councils and divisions for which the Archbishops' Council has oversight
- A **National Lead for LGBTI+ matters** based at Church House - LGBTI+ themselves, who works to the Sexuality and Relationships Working Group and liaises with boards, councils, divisions and dioceses
- The publication and **recommendation of an approved liturgy** for the blessing of same-sex couples after a Civil Partnership or Civil Marriage
- A **change to Canon C26** to make clerical civil marriage not a matter for discipline of itself

This is very far from being all we want to see, but it would be a way forward, a start. We hope that those taking part in the debate will start to make known these proposals as a positive contribution to setting not simply a new tone, but a new way of acting towards and treating fellow Christians.

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*Founded in 1976 as the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement,
OneBodyOneFaith work to enable individuals and communities
to integrate the Christian faith, gender and sexuality
in life-affirming and transforming ways*