

WEST COAST CHRISTIAN ACCORD Surrey, BC

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# THE WHAT | What is the Accord

The West Coast Christian Accord is a document concerning the authority of scripture on gender identity and human sexuality.

# THE WHO | Who is it For

Traditional, biblically based, evangelical pastors, churches and leaders.

# THE WHY | What is the Purpose

1) To help us re-establish what it means to be an 'Evangelical Christian' in a day and age when long-held, traditional beliefs, convictions, and lifestyles are rapidly changing; and 2) To help us establish a coalition of Pastors and leaders who are willing to stand together and act on these stated convictions.



**WE AFFIRM** Jesus Christ to be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, God's eternal Son and only Saviour of all mankind!

**WE DENY** that salvation can be found in any other name or by any other means than Jesus Christ.

### ARTICLE 2

**WE AFFIRM** the Bible to be God's holy and inspired written revelation for all nations throughout all generations.

**WE DENY** all attempts to revise and reinterpret the time honoured traditional and biblical understandings of sexuality, morality, righteousness, and salvation. We understand them to be modern day heresies contrary to the revealed will of God.

### ARTICLE 3

**WE AFFIRM** that Jesus Christ's substitutionary death for all mankind on the Cross, brought the forgiveness of sin and was the single greatest act of love in human history.

**WE DENY** that any human being can be reconciled to God apart from grace through faith in Jesus Christ and the act of personal repentance.

# ARTICLE 4

**WE AFFIRM** that Jesus Christ will return to rule over and judge the Earth and that we should live and work for righteousness with a sense of urgency in the light of this reality.



**WE AFFIRM** that God has designed marriage to be a covenantal, sexual, procreative, lifelong union of one man and one woman, as husband and wife, and is meant to signify the covenant love between Jesus Christ and his bride the Church.

**WE DENY** that God has designed marriage to be a homosexual, polygamous, or polyamorous relationship. We also deny that marriage is a mere human contract rather than a covenant made before God.

### ARTICLE 6

**WE AFFIRM** that God's revealed will for all people is chastity outside of marriage and fidelity within marriage.

**WE DENY** that any affections, desires, or commitments ever justify sexual intercourse before or outside marriage, nor do they justify any form of sexual immorality.

### ARTICLE 7

**WE AFFIRM** that God created Adam and Eve, the first human beings, in his own image, equal in dignity and worth as persons, and distinct as male and female. These divinely ordained differences are meant for human good and human flourishing.

**WE DENY** that the divinely ordained differences between male and female render them unequal in dignity or worth.



**WE AFFIRM** that the differences between male and female reproductive structures are integral to God's design for self-perception as male or female.

**WE DENY** that it is consistent with God's holy purposes in creation and redemption, as revealed in Scripture, to adopt a homosexual or transgender self-perception.

### ARTICI F 9

**WE AFFIRM** that those born with Disorders of Sex Development (DSD) are created in the image of God and have dignity and worth equal to all other image-bearers. They are acknowledged by our Lord Jesus Christ in his words about "eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb." With all others they are welcome as faithful followers of Jesus Christ and should embrace their biological sex insofar as it may be known.

**WE DENY** that ambiguities related to a person's biological sex render one incapable of living a fruitful life in joyful obedience to Jesus Christ.

### ARTICLE 10

**WE AFFIRM** that people who experience sexual attraction for the same sex may live a rich and fruitful life pleasing to God through faith in Jesus Christ, as they, like all Christians, choose to walk in purity of life according to the Scriptures.

**WE DENY** that an enduring pattern of desire for sexual immorality justifies sexually immoral behaviour.



**WE AFFIRM** that it is contrary to Scripture to approve of homosexual immorality or transgenderism and that such approval constitutes an essential departure from biblical values and Christian witness.

**WE DENY** that the approval of homosexual immorality or transgenderism is simply a matter of moral indifference about which Christians can just agree to disagree.

### ARTICLE 12

**WE AFFIRM** that the grace of God in Jesus Christ gives both merciful pardon and transforming power, and that this pardon and power enable a follower of Jesus Christ to put to death sinful desires and to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.

**WE DENY** that the grace of God in Jesus Christ is insufficient to forgive all sexual sins and to give power for holiness to every believer who feels drawn into sexual sin.

# **ARTICLE 13**

**WE AFFIRM** that the grace of God in Jesus Christ enables sinners to forsake transgender self-perceptions and to accept the God-ordained link between one's biological sex and one's self-perception as male or female.

**WE DENY** that the grace of God in Jesus Christ sanctions self-perceptions that are contrary to God's will as revealed in Scripture.



**WE AFFIRM** that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners and that, through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, forgiveness of sins and eternal life are available to every person who repents of sin and trusts in Jesus Christ alone as Saviour and Lord. That the Lord's arm is not too short to save and that no sinner is beyond his reach.



# **SCRIPTURE**

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The human heart is heretical by nature. Popular religious beliefs should be checked carefully against the Word of God, for they are almost certain to be wrong.

### -AW Tozer

- Gen. 1:26-28
- Gen. 2:15-25
- Gen. 3:1-24
- Exod. 20:14
- Exod. 20:17
- Lev. 18:22
- Lev. 20:13
- Deut. 5:18
- Deut. 5:21
- Judges 19:22
- 2 Sam. 11:1-12:15
- Job 31:1
- Psalm 51:1-19
- Prov. 5:1-23
- Prov. 6:20-35
- Prov. 7:1-27
- Isa. 59:1
- Mal. 2:14
- Matt. 5:27-30
- Matt. 19:4-6
- Matt. 19:8-9
- Matt. 19:12
- Acts 15:20, 29
- Rom. 1:26-27
- Rom. 1:32
- 1 Cor. 6:9-11
- 1 Cor. 6:18-20
- 1 Cor. 7:1-7
- 2 Cor. 5:17
- Gal. 5:24
- Eph. 4:15

- Eph. 4:20-24
- Eph. 5:31-32
- Col. 3:5
- 1 Thess. 4:3-8
- 1 Tim. 1:9-10
- 1 Tim. 1:15
- 2 Tim. 2:22
- Titus 2:11-12
- Heb. 13:4
- James 1:14-15
- 1 Pet. 2:11
- Jude 7



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# **DECLARATION TO ENGAGE**

By signing the West Coast Christian Accord [WCCA] today, I acknowledge that I have given careful and prayerful reflection to my commitment and it's potential cost to me personally and those I lead.

- By signing the WCCA I am committing the Leadership Influence I have been entrusted with to seek to rally as many Pastors, leaders, and people, as I can to fight to oppose the aspects of the SOGI 123 curriculum and policies that infringe on any person's freedom to hold to the beliefs and worldviews expressed in the WCCA.
- By signing the WCCA I am committing to treat those who disagree with me with value and love and am committing to communicate in grace and truth. I will treat children and their families who struggle with SOGI issues with gentleness and compassion. Just as Jesus welcomed children and those who were marginalized in society, I am committing to do as Jesus did while holding to the truth He expressed.

Signature			
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☐ I hereby affirm the West Coast Christian Accord	
Signature	