



The Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean



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The Response of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean to the resolution of the Church of England to authorize the blessing of same sex marriage.

From the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean, Greetings to you in the name of the Holy Trinity.

New changes proposed in and adopted by the Synod of the Church of England on February 9th, 2023 have saddened us, the people of God in the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean.

Our Bishops came back from Lambeth with great hopes and expectations when the Archbishop of Canterbury then reassured all of us that Lambeth Resolution 1:10 of 1998 remains the official teaching of the Anglican Communion. Later, when we were attacked by some other Christian denominations that we are a “homosexual church”, the Archbishop told us that we can reassure our faithful members that he will not be personally involved with any blessing or ordination of practicing homosexuals.

Actually, we realise that the Archbishop has let us down. He has let the Bible, the Holy Word of God, down by letting the Church of England conform to the spirit of the world. The Church of England has now authorised the clergy to bless the marriage of homosexuals. How can the Church bless sin? Are we saying that sin is a normal, acceptable practice? What did Jesus die on the cross for?

The Church of England is trying to reshape the lives of her faithful members around what they think is best according to the secular Western world (homosexuality is a practice, a way of life accepted by many as normal now in the secular world.). We wish to express here our appreciation to all those in England and throughout the world who are standing firm in their belief that the Bible is the only Word we should abide to.

Galatians 1:6-10 clearly outlines for us that when we submit to the approval of humankind, we are submitting to the way humans call good instead of what God calls good. We cannot work and walk to please people and God at the same time. The Church of Jesus Christ on earth is living to please God, that is when we tap into a lasting hope and eternal life. Anything else will fall short.

The Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean has received and inherited proudly the biblical teaching that marriage is between a man and a woman for the

creation of a family. This is what the Bible teaches, otherwise, the marriage is null, unacceptable and is sinful.

So we call on the Church of England to come back to the Word of God and to repent and to stop blessing same sex marriage which is a sin. Otherwise, with great sadness, we will no longer be able to recognize her as the Mother Church of our beloved Communion.

Together for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Wong". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

James Wong

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