



STATEMENT OF CONVICTION

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the Church of God Movement
(Anderson, Indiana)

THE AFFIRMATION
OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE,
AND THE FREEDOM
OF CONSCIENCE FOR
ALL BELIEVERS IN
THE CHURCH OF GOD.

There is a strong biblical, theological, and ethical case for affirming same-sex partnerships, transgender identity and existence, and gender non-conformity as being fully compatible with Christian discipleship and the theological and doctrinal distinctives of the Church of God Reformation Movement.

The ultimate authority of God—as expressed through the life of Jesus and evidenced in the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit—serves as a defining guide and source for the living out of full inclusion and affirmation of the LGBTQ community.

Holy Scripture is the inspired word of God and can be trusted to inform a Christ-like practice of full inclusion and affirmation of the LGBTQ community.

Tradition, science, reason, and personal and community experience offer additional insight into the wide gaze of God’s good creation through the diverse lens of humankind.

All people are sacred and beloved, created in the image of God.

Ministers and lay people in the Church of God must have the freedom of conscience to affirm gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer Christians in their lives, partnerships, and ministerial callings.

The Church of God, Anderson, Indiana's confession of and repentance for the harm it has caused and continues to cause is a necessary step toward healing and reconciling the Church to the LGBTQ community.

The local congregation greatly aids in a healing path of reconciliation through proactive, urgent implementation of inclusive and redemptive practices on behalf of the LGBTQ community and their families.

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Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer Christians must be welcomed and recognized as full participants in the life and ministry of the Church of God at all levels.

We can have confidence in God’s benevolent intention for the diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity that is represented by the human family.

God fully accepts and celebrates people of the LGBTQ community regardless of faith experience or religious affiliation.

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