

PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE

OUR CALL AS A PEOPLE OF FAITH IS TO UPHOLD THE WORTH OF ALL PERSONS. OCCASIONALLY, IN OUR CULTURE, THAT MEANS STANDING UP AGAINST A STRUCTURAL NORM WHICH SEEKS TO DIS-EMPOWER PEOPLE FROM USING THEIR GOD-GIVEN VOICE. IT MEANS WE MUST, AS DISCIPLES, SPEAK OUT FOR POSITIVE CHANGE. THIS CAN BE DIFFICULT, BUT TO LIVE AUTHENTICALLY, IT IS OUR CALL. HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

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6 a. As revealed in Christ, God, the Creator of all, ultimately is concerned about behaviors and relationships that uphold the worth and giftedness of all people and that protect the most vulnerable. Such relationships are to be rooted in the principles of Christ-like love, mutual respect, responsibility, justice, covenant, and faithfulness, against which there is no law.

b. If the church more fully will understand and consistently apply these principles, questions arising about responsible human sexuality; gender identities, roles, and relationships; marriage; and other issues may be resolved according to God's divine purposes. Be assured, nothing within these principles condones selfish, irresponsible, promiscuous, degrading, or abusive relationships.