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STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

We believe marriage is created and sanctioned by God and joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive covenant union. Furthermore, we believe that God intends and commands that sexual intimacy only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We will only conduct, perform, or bless marriages which are in accordance with this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and with Frontline's beliefs on marriage and sexuality.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexual or bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, is sinful and offensive to God. In addition, we believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking God's mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Therefore, any person who commits any form of sexual immorality should walk in repentance.

We believe that every person must be afforded with compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior and attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of the church.

All persons employed by the church in any capacity should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly. Furthermore, members and those who serve as volunteers should conduct themselves in accordance with this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality.

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STATEMENT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Corrective church discipline is an act by the Elders of Frontline towards a member designed to lead the person to repentance and restoration. This discipline may potentially lead, if the person in question continually refuses to repent, to the final step of excluding a professing Christian from membership and participation in the Sacraments, as well as barring from attendance at Frontline (see Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:1-13). The procedure of discipline is as follows:

1. Elders of Frontline can subject Members to church discipline. Each potential case of discipline will be weighed on its own merits, considering the magnitude of the sin, the publicity of the sin, and the lack of repentance of the individual. Scriptures that will be used as a basis and guideline for church discipline include, but are not limited to: Matthew 18:15-22, 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, 1 Timothy 1:18-20, Galatians 6:1-5, 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15, 1 Timothy 5:19-21, Titus 10-11, and 2 John 10-11.
2. Members of Frontline are not guaranteed confidentiality regarding issues of church discipline, and understand that in submitting themselves to the authority of the church, issues of a sensitive or personal nature may become known to others. This includes, but is not limited to, notification of the authorities if a crime has been committed or if a real threat of someone being endangered exists (Romans 13:1-7), as well as other violations of Scripture that may not result in physical danger.
3. Members of Frontline may be dismissed from Frontline by the approval of the Central Elders. The dismissal of a church member may be made known to all church members. The Central Elders have the discretion to determine if the member's discipline should be made known to the entire church (1 Corinthians 5:1-5).
4. A person dismissed from Frontline for disciplinary reasons may be reinstated to full membership if the person's repentance is accepted as genuine by the Central Elders.
5. Each member of this church agrees that there shall be no appeal to any court because of a discipline process or dismissal.