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Table 6. Same-Gender Relationships	Church: S...	Theological Viewpoints
Prohibition	Reconciliation, Repent of the church's desire and	Return to true heterosexual
Tolerance	Repent of the church's non-affirming	Acceptance of one's self through abstinence
Accommodation	Focus: gay relationships are disordered; they may be substantial.	Exclusion of same-sex partnerships; they are the cause of evils.
Legitimation	Reconciliation, Focus: of singleness and igno...	Creation of a just world in which differences no longer make a difference.
Celebration	Gays and lesbians to be recognized for their goodness and orientation.	Gift to one's sexual orientation; God's good gift.
Liberation	Challenge to categories of male-female...	Affirmation of the complexity of gender.
Consecration	Reconciliation, Sin does not reside in orientation; per se not one's life; ordered. One is a member...	Redemption; sexuality is to be consecrated through an exclusive covenant, not sexuality, are the objects of our celebration.

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