

Recommended amendments to *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*

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| 70 | Strike “ called to ” replaced with “given”
Reads “...we are given the vocational task...” |
| 300 | Strike “... although important for us a people of faith, is not central to the Gospel itself. ”
and replace with the following so that it reads: “...is important to faithful living, but is not central to determining our salvation.” |
| 326 | Reverse the clause order of the first sentence, making necessary grammatical changes and inserting the phrase “not central to determining our salvation” so that it reads:
“Thus, we recognize that this church’s deliberations related to human sexuality require our best moral discernment and practical wisdom in the worldly realm even though these matters are not central to determining our salvation.” |
| 329 | Insert “sometimes” between “conclusions” and “about”
Reads “...different conclusions sometimes about what constitutes responsible...” |
| 502 | Strike “ This church understands marriage as a covenant of... ”
Reads “Marriage is a covenant of mutual promises,...” |
| 515 | Strike “ legally ” replaced by “in the church”
Reads “...pastors hold and exercise pastoral discretion for the decision to marry in the church.” |
| 552 | Strike “ maybe ” replaced by “may be”
Reads “health and safety may be inhibited or lost.” |
| 585 | Add “Consistent with that experience” in front of “This church has confidence...”,
Reads “Consistent with that experience, this church has confidence” |
| 763 | Add footnote at “gender identity.”
“ <i>Sexual orientation</i> generally is used to refer to an enduring pattern of emotional, romantic, and sexual attraction. <i>Gender identity</i> indicates a person’s own sense of identification with a gender (male or female) regardless of physiological characteristics. See also footnote 17.” |
| 812 | Add sentence at end of paragraph “It expects that all church leaders will report all instances of suspected child abuse.” |
| 851 | “ astonishing ” replaced by “remarkable”
Reads “This lack of engagement is remarkable, especially...” |

Page 24, footnote 39, next to last sentence: drop final "l" from "html" in nih.gov address.
Reads ".../003269.htm (February,..."

1027 Add "and the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy."
Reads "...and their partners from sexually transmitted diseases and the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy."

1065 Insert "congregational" before "community"
Reads "...couple is surrounded by the prayers of the congregational community..."

1236 Add "or gender identity."
Reads "regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity"

1217 Strike "...Bishop to explore the feasibility of developing liturgical resources..." and replace with "to identify and publicize available"
Reads "...Bishop to identify and publicize available liturgical resources for use..."

1238-1241:

7. To call upon the ELCA to amend the eligibility provisions of the ELCA Pension And Other Benefits Program, consistent with the policies of this church, to include individuals in same-gender marriages, civil unions, and domestic partnerships, ~~consistent with applicable state and federal laws.~~

Reads:

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