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Table 6. Same-Gender Relationships	Religious Viewpoints	Church: Same-Gender Relationships	Theological Viewpoints
Prohibition	Reconciliation	Repent of the church's desire and	Return to true heterosexual
Tolerance	Welcoming non-affirming	Repent of the church's non-affirming	Acceptance of one's choice through abstinence
Accommodation	Focus: gay relationships are disobedient; they may be substance-abusing.	While it is better to be obedient than to be disobedient.	Exclusion of same-sex partnerships is necessary because they are part of the evils of the world.
Legitimation	Reconciliation	Focus: of singleness and ignominy	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	Challenging categories of male-female	Gift of God's good gift to one's sexual orientation
Liberation	Challenging categories of male-female	Challenging categories of male-female	Complexity of gender
Consecration	Reconciliation	Sin does not reside in one's life; it is a matter of the heart.	Sexuality is to be celebrated through an exclusive covenant, not sexuality, are the objects of our celebration.

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