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Press Release - Gay Marriage

John Churcher, Chair of PCN Britain is available to comment further on this statement.

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Being gay is not an illness to be cured says the Revd. John Churcher, Chair of the Progressive Christianity Network.

The government is seeking views from churches and Christian groups on their proposal to change the legal definition of marriage to include same-sex relationships. Two Catholic Archbishops (of Westminster and Southwark) ordered that their views on marriage be read at every catholic mass. They say that the committed relationship of people of the same sex cannot be called “marriage”. The Anglican Archbishop of York holds similar views.

The Chair of the Progressive Christianity Network holds a different view. John Churcher, a Methodist Minister, says that attraction to someone of the same sex is a natural biological orientation. It has been written about for three thousand years.

Loving relationships between two consenting adults is what he regards as most important. He says that people who want to make that commitment should not be deprived of God-given blessings if that is what they ask for.

Churcher maintains that there are very few Biblical texts that condemn homosexuality, and those that do are controversial.

He argues that those Christians who condemn homosexuality pick verses from the Bible, often misrepresenting their context and original meaning, to support personal prejudice. They then claim they have Biblical authority to back up their view.

He regards this as an abomination. He says “Being gay is not an illness to be cured but a natural biological orientation. The sexual sin is infidelity not homosexuality. Marriage should be a loving relationship between two consenting adults, so why continue to deprive many within and beyond our churches from the God-given blessings of marriage?”

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