

## **ETS Statement on Marriage and Sexuality**

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- (1) We affirm that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God and thus possess inherent dignity and worth.
- (2) We affirm that marriage is the covenantal union of one man and one woman, for life.
- (3) We affirm that Scripture teaches that sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage as defined above. This excludes all other forms of sexual intimacy.
- (4) We affirm that God created men and women, imbued with the distinct traits of manhood and womanhood, and that each is an unchangeable gift of God that constitutes personal identity.