# UK Regional Gospel Partnerships (RGPs)

## Statement on Sex and Marriage

**As an explication of clauses 5 and 12 of the doctrinal basis, it is recognised that a necessary conviction to state in the current context is that the RGPs belonging to the network are convinced of the need to uphold in love and with compassion the teaching of the biblical scripture regarding male and female identity, marriage and human sexual relations.**

This teaching of the Bible is understood to include the following:

1. God created us male and female and calls us to live according to our biological sex determined at conception. Our God-given biological sex cannot be changed or reassigned.

2. Marriage is ordained by God for the good of mankind and for the glory of God. The only marriage approved by Scripture is that between one man and one woman, lawfully joined together in matrimony.

3. Recognising both the blessing and the dangers of our God-given human capacity for sexual relations, the Scripture permits and encourages sexual relations only between two persons, one male and one female, who are married to one another, as defined above. All other sexual relations are forbidden.

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Regional Gospel Partnerships, Nov 2023