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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	Stoic acceptance of one's fate through abstinence
Accommodation	Focus: gay relationships are disobedient; they may be substantial	Focus: gay relationships are disobedient; they may be substantial	Exclusive, same-sex partnerships are better than promiscuity - i.e., they are the lesser of evils.
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	Gays and lesbians to be recognized for their goodness and orientation	Gift to one's sexual orientation; God's good gift.
Liberation	Challenging categories	Challenging categories	Affirmation of the complexity of gender
Consecration	Reconciliation	Sin does not reside in one's orientation per se but in one's life choices. Orientation is a matter of grace.	Sexuality is to be consecrated through an exclusive covenant, not sexuality, are the objects of our celebration.

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