



Supporting and advising dioceses on pastoral responses

The Pastoral Advisory Group

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The Pastoral Advisory Group supports and advises dioceses on pastoral responses to issues that arise concerning LGBTI+ clergy and lay people. Its work will be based upon careful engagement with people who embody a range of experiences and viewpoints within the Church of England.



Pastoral Principles

How can church communities examine afresh their life together?

Clergy hand holding water filled shell for baptism

Pastoral Guidance on the Affirmation of Baptismal Faith

See more about the new guidance in the context of gender transition



Further reading

[‘Next Steps in Human Sexuality’ \(GS Misc 1158, June 2017\)](#)



Contact us

[Do you have any comments, suggestions, or questions?](#)

The group brings draft advice on pastoral ministry to LGBTQI+ people in the Church of England for initial consideration by the House of Bishops, having reflected on how pastoral practices might develop within current teaching. It also reviews advice provided in the light of the emerging teaching and learning resources of the Living in Love and Faith project, through close collaboration with the Living in Love and Faith processes.

While the focus of the Pastoral Advisory Group relates to LGBTQI+ people, its outputs apply to all sorts of difference and diversity among God’s people.

Members of the Pastoral Advisory Group introduce the Pastoral Principles in the video below.

These Pastoral Principles invite church communities to examine afresh their life together, seeing our many differences as gifts that can build us up in trust and mutual affection, Using them could be transformative for your church community and for the church as a whole.

Learn more



Core members

Who is involved in the group?



Purpose and Vision

Why is the Church doing this? How is it doing it?

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