Regional Shared Conversations: Programme

*Given the significant changes in our culture in relation to human sexuality, how should the church respond?*

**Day 1**

10.30   Arrival and coffee

11.00   **Session 1: Getting started**  
         Welcome and introductions, overview of the programme, St Michael’s Protocol

12.15   **Session 2: Considering our perceptions and use of language**  
         Creating a shared awareness around human perceptions and language.

13.00   Lunch

14.00   **Session 3: Observing our changing world**  
         Share knowledge and experience of, and insights into, the significant changes of culture in relation to human sexuality.

15.20   Refreshment Break

15.50   **Session 4: Considering approaches to scripture regarding human sexuality**  
         Exploring areas of disagreement and their scriptural and theological roots.

18.00   Close

19.00   Dinner

20.00   **Session 5: Discussion clusters**  
         Optional discussion groups on topics identified by participants.

21.00   *Evening/Night prayer*

**Day 2**

7.30-8.45  Breakfast

7.45-8.15  Eucharist

8.20-8.35  Lectio Divina

09.00   **Session 6: Reflections on our personal journeys**  
         In small groups participants share their personal journeys of understanding about issues of human sexuality.

11.20   Refreshment Break
11.40  **Session 7: Understanding what informs and shapes the different positions that people hold**  
*Insights from the personal journeys experiences*

13.00  Lunch and **extended break**

15.00  **Session 8: What are the possible consequences of the range of different positions held within the church on human sexuality & possible ways forward?**  
*Identify possible positive and negative consequences for the church, and ways to maximise or minimise their impact.*

16.30  Refreshment Break

17.00  **Session 9**

Feedback and discussion from Session 8

18.00  **Session Close**

19.00  Dinner

20.00  **Session 10: Discussion clusters (topics to be decided)**  
*Optional discussion groups on topics identified by participants.*

21.00  **Evening/Night prayer**

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**Day 3**

7.30  Morning prayer

7.30-8.45  Breakfast

09.00  **Session 11: What does it require of me as an individual and as church to disagree well?**  
*Recognising the fact of profound disagreement among Christians, how can we find a way together to make the manner of our encounter with each other (on this and all other issues) a missionary gift to a broken world?*

10.30  Break

11.00  **Session 12: Going Forward 1 – carrying forward the conversation**  
*Break into Diocesan clusters to reflect on our experience and consider opportunities to carry forward the conversations*

12.30  Lunch

13.30  **Session 13: Going Forward 2 – Beyond Today**  
*Plenary feedback and further discussion*

15.00  Eucharist

15.20  Close and refreshments