

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**

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