

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Continue to name discrimination and oppression; continue to name justice and inclusion

Call out collusive and abusive practice – be courageous as individuals and church communities

We must not be silent

Be intentional – find and cultivate allies – solidarity is a virtue!

Intersectionality (mentioned twice) ► work together, form alliances

Increased networking – congregational level?

Build bridges and networks between people at this workshop and the congregations in which they worship

Recognise that the gains we (eg women) have made can be lost in a different political/economic environment

Keep conversations/listening and action going

Talk to people

People telling their stories = testimony/witness sessions

Start a group/liaise with other groups developing a robust theology/Christian anthropology

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Pray and think about specifics on how to move forward as a church and talk to people about what they need

Pray. Listen to God and their many children

Prayer, prayer and more prayer for change!

Liturgical prayer that feeds us

Write a new marriage liturgy non-patriarchal

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Getting reps onto General Synod

Continue to encourage discussion between generations and on a regular basis, over coffee, with Synod reps, to push for more change and real equality

We need more diversity in the church boardroom (not official term?!)

Carefully prepared discussions at Deanery and Diocesan Synod

Publicity for any evidence that the C of E is discredited by its attitude to sexuality

Campaign for the scrapping of the Five Guiding Principles

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When is an inclusive church exclusive?

Please help churches to be more explicit/transparent about being an LGBT friendly/transparent

Persuade other churches to hold discussions about gender – provide support.

More open discussion within church communities of gender issues and more information about modern issues of sexuality

The opportunity to explore sexuality, gender and sexual relations in both a scriptural and ethical context: developing a new ethics of sexuality

Listen to people's (especially LGBTQ+) stories and their needs then work out how you better include/support them

Carry on with these conversations and continue with them. Change starts in the pews.

Find ways to encourage others

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Reflect on how we can share our learning today

Better writing and petitioning on certain issues – one at a time!

Publish the main talks online

Capturing the thoughts and observations in a blog or on the website

How can this be disseminated more widely?

Ministry is going to involve more laity in future

Could SAME be a group which takes forward the issues raised by minority groups

- WATCH
- Human Sexuality
- Disability
- Mental health, etc

Continue with the Pride stall at public events

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Campaign to ban conversion therapy

Focus on transgender inclusion

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Real power empowers. Power as we usually experience it limits and controls. Fear is behind it – the fear of ‘not being enough’. There is hope if I-we as individuals and together explore what in us that contracts, limits and controls us and others – this feeling that ‘we are not good enough’ that makes us point to others saying ‘you are not good enough’. Where there is fear, love is not.

Sexuality and gender questions are much broader than I thought they were. And actually concern everyone, because as long as there is someone treated as less than, there is someone else who is treated as more than. And we can be in either side, it’s not equal.

A fundamental, but easily overlooked way of bringing about inclusion is for each of us to look into our own hearts, a lot more deeply than we usually do, honestly and unfailingly, to see and admit how often we exclude, in hidden ways, others who exclude us or who are not like us - and to ask for the help of God and each other to have not just a feeling of inclusiveness in our thinking, but to have true warmth of heart.

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Let’s use the ‘F’ word again – Feminism

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Read and reflect on Janet’s handout on ‘What does the Bible say?’

It has been so helpful to be part of this coming together. It really feels that it is a beginning.

More of the same please! A great day of affirming and discussing. Thank you!

Celebrate successes – however small

Promote the expressive