

## **In Essentials Unity, in Non-Essentials Liberty, in All Things Charity**

Dear EPC Brothers and Sisters,

We believe that we are a part of a beautiful biblical denomination; and we recognize that we are currently working through difficult issues.

We recognize that these issues raise concern and emotion for many.

We recognize that with our fragile souls and many limitations, through her history the Church has wrestled with tensions between peace and purity.

We respect each person's right of conscience as we seek the Lord in prayer.

We respect that differing views are present.

We recognize that the Ad-Interim Committee is the officially positioned body to lead our process.

We believe the proposed statements on human sexuality – both position paper and pastoral letter – uphold biblical fidelity that human sexuality is between one man and one woman who are married to each other.

We are concerned by communications that are not from the Ad-Interim Committee being sent to churches that are sowing fear and unrest.

We appeal to all members of the EPC family to participate in our discussions and our polity to edify the church; honoring our system and form of government to which we've all committed ourselves.

We observe that we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, who experienced temptation, and yet did not sin.

We are reminded that our Lord said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." And that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

We trust and believe that the Lord will lead our denomination forward in the way of grace and truth; upholding the Bible's authority and design for human sexuality, and demonstrating the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Him,

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