



Motion #3: Whereas the following Statements have been agreed upon at CBWC Assemblies, such Statements being in furtherance of the mission, vision, and purpose of the CBWC as outlined in its Identity Statement:

- That marriage is between one man and one woman (summary of Marriage Statement Assembly 2003)
- That the position of the CBWC with regard to any sexual behaviour outside of monogamous heterosexual marriage is that it is not affirmed. (Assembly 2011)
- That we call upon all CBWC ministers and their churches to make every effort to demonstrate Christian love to individuals who are same gender attracted. (Assembly 2015)

Be it resolved

That all CBWC credentialed Ministers, all CBWC Executive Staff, and all CBWC Board Members uphold these three Assembly approved statements.

Dialogue on Motion 3

The CBWC is not organized under a hierarchical model of leadership but works under the consensus of the member churches. The CBWC Staff and board consider their mandate as a high calling, to carry out the wishes of the greater body, and to prayerfully discern. The Assembly also places great trust in their elected board and staff to make decisions on their behalf between assemblies, to set priorities and objectives, and resource churches to effectively carry out their mission. It is expected that those elected to the leadership of the CBWC live by the policies and resolutions of the Assembly, particularly as outlined in the Minister's Protocol Manual.

1. How do expectations placed upon elected leaders and staff necessitate a higher standard than those placed upon our member churches and their members?
2. In what ways might differing expectations of leaders and members create a sense of "two-tiered" membership?
3. Are there ways local churches operate in a similar manner by having different standards and expectations for those in the roles of leadership than general congregants welcomed into membership?
4. We acknowledge that making Jesus Christ Lord over all of one's life is truly a life-long growth journey as we mature in our faith. We also acknowledge that individual giftings and talents determine the kind of ministry roles one assumes in a church. Are there ways that this could apply to a member church's ability to be part of the leadership of the CBWC?
5. Is there room in our CBWC family for a broad spectrum of beliefs and practices while limiting the leadership of the Assembly to those who align themselves most closely to the overall values and identity of the CBWC?