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Plumbline: LGBTQI Justice in Society

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“I am setting a plumbline in the midst of my people...” - Amos 7:8

Resources:

[Helpful Terminology](#)

[More Helpful Terminology](#)

[What is Intersex?](#)

[Bullying Statistics](#)

[The Trevor Project](#)

Values at Stake

“All persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured and to be protected against violence.” - **United Methodist Social Principles, ¶ 161.F**

Even as The United Methodist Church struggles with our own witness to LGBTQI within our own denomination, our Wesleyan heritage of social holiness calls us to be in ministry for and with all people. As such, **we implore General Conference to continue in the Wesleyan tradition of seeking the civil and human rights for persons of all sexual orienta-**

tions and gender identities.

LGBTQI persons are part of our Church and part of our communities across the globe. The moral imperative set by Jesus in Luke 10:27 informs MFSA's work for LGBTI justice, work that is intersectional in nature and recognizes the deep connections to other forms of injustice, especially **racial justice, ecological justice, gender justice, and economic justice.**

MFSA supports legislation encouraging the Church to speak out against the criminalization of homosexuality and increasing rates of LGBTQI suicide. In order to do so, The United Methodist Church must repent from its own complicity and remove the incompatibility clause (see [Plumbline: LGBTQI and The United Methodist](#)

[Church](#)).

As well, MFSA supports legislation calling for equal rights in situations of adoption, the right to marriage, and the rights of LGBTQI prisoners. While we criticize global militarism, we lend support to legislation supporting the ability to engage in military service regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The United Methodist Church has a opportunity to join other denominations in making a public witness to elected officials, community leaders, and LGBTQI persons and their friends and family that The United Methodist Church affirms their civil and human rights.

Key Legislation: SUPPORT

CA 60795 : LGBTQ Prisoners

CA 60895 : Military Service Regardless of Sexual Orientation

CA 60885 : Adoption

CA 60778 : Equal Rights of Homosexuals

CA 60886 : De-Criminalization of Homosexuality

CA 60887 : Right to Marry

CA 60398 : Adoption

CA 60892 : Adoption

CA 60894*, 60896 : LGBTQ Suicide

* = Stronger Legislation