



Statement on Sexuality and Accreditation

(Based on a statement made on 30th July 2003, by Rev John Field, General Superintendent, South Australian Baptist Union)

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“We recognize that sexuality is God’s gift to all persons. All people, regardless of their sexual practice or sense of sexual orientation, are individuals of great worth to God. We affirm God’s grace is available to all. The ministry, guidance, love and acceptance of a community of Christian people should be available to all people in their struggles for human fulfilment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of that community that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others and the self.

In Christian teaching, although all persons are sexual beings whether they are married or not, sexual relations are only clearly affirmed in the marriage bond between a male and a female. Where persons are found to be practising sexual relations outside of this marriage bond, including same-sex relationships, they will not be considered suitable for Accreditation/Ordination and, if they are Accredited, an investigation will be held to determine their suitability for continuing Accreditation as a minister of Baptist Churches of South Australia Inc.”