

To whom it may concern:

It seems that the worldwide Anglican Church is inching ever closer to authorize by an altered Canon of the Church the concept of 'same-sex marriage'. I recall when the 'blessing' of same-sex unions was authorized at the church our family then attended (from '89 to '04), St. John's Shaughnessy in Vancouver. The main priest there, Rev. David Short, left St. John's in protest and now is at St. John's Vancouver which is part of ANIC (Anglican Network in Canada), (I believe that is the church's name, St. John's shares services there with a 7th Day Adventist Church; it's near 41st and Cambie).

\ I will try to be mercifully brief on this huge and ultra-important topic. The Bible unequivocally condemns such unions as being totally immoral and contrary to God's will throughout all of its contents from Genesis to Revelation. One could cite innumerable quotes but a crucial one from the Lord Himself should suffice: 'But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder'. (Mark 10:6-9, KJV)

Sex is a very good gift from God and within heterosexual marriage (the very word 'marriage' only applies to such unions) is to be fully enjoyed and practised, the ultimate result being the bringing forth of children by God's plan.

But there are many deviations from this divine plan for sex; I will give a list of them here: adultery, homosexuality (including lesbianism), buggery (with animals, etc.), fornication, masturbation (which the Bible calls 'onanism' after a person in Genesis named Onan).

These deviations (in my opinion) are not all equally evil: I think the worst is adultery whose prohibition occurs in the Decalogue (it involves betrayal); buggery is simply disgusting while homosexuality is truly sexual perversion (so it's, to say the least, pretty bad; remember Sodom and Gomorrah!); the least bad (in my opinion) is masturbation.

I just wanted to add my voice to the protest chorus against

changing the present Anglican Canon law regarding marriage.

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