

Regional Shared Conversations: Programme

*Given the significant changes in our culture in relation to human sexuality,
how should the church respond?*

Day 1

- 10.30** Arrival and coffee
- 11.00** **Session 1: Getting started**
Welcome and introductions, overview of the programme, St Michael's Protocol (see attached)
- 12.10** **Session 2: Language and perception exercise**
Create a shared understanding of human perception and language as the shared conversation begins.
- 13.00** Lunch
- 14.00** **Session 3: Observing our changing world**
Share knowledge and experience of, and insights into, the significant changes of culture in relation to human sexuality.
- 15.30** Break
- 16.00** **Session 4: Considering approaches to scripture regarding human sexuality**
Engage with essays in 'Grace and Disagreement', a resource that accompanies the Shared Conversations.
- 18.00** Close for dinner (drinks in the bar at 18.30, dinner at 19.00)
- 20.00** **Session 5 : Discussion clusters**
Discussion groups; a range of different discussion topics.
- 21.00** **Evening/Night prayer**

Day 2

- 7.30** **Morning prayer & breakfast**
- 09.00** **Session 6: Reflections on our personal journeys**
In small groups participants share their personal journeys of understanding about issues of human sexuality.
- 10.50** **Break**

- 11.20** **Session 7: Understanding what informs and shapes the different positions that people hold**
Understand different positions and perspectives on human sexuality held within the Church
- 13.00** Lunch and extended break
- 15.00** **Session 8: What are the possible consequences of the range of different positions held within the church on human sexuality & possible ways forward?**
Informed by the Shared Conversation, identify possible consequences, both positive and negative, and identify ways in which to maximise or minimise the impact of possible consequences.
- 16.30** Break
- 17.00** **Session 9: Placing this discussion in the context of the wider communion**
Invite guest from the partner dioceses to reflect on issues of human sexuality in their contexts.
- 18.30** Dinner
- 20.00** **Session 10: Discussion clusters (topics to be decided)**
Discussion groups on a range of different discussion topics.
- 21.00** **Evening/Night prayer**

Day 3

- 7.30** **Morning prayer & breakfast**
- 9.00** **Session 11: Is it possible to disagree well? If so, what might disagreement look like?**
Recognising the fact of profound disagreement among Christians, how can we find a way together to make the manner of our encounter with each other (on this and all other issues) a missionary gift to a broken world?
- 10.45** Break
- 11.15** **Session 12: Our church, our communities and our nation**
Informed by this Regional Shared Conversation, discussion about further conversations locally, regionally and nationally and for the consequences that will flow from them.
- 12.30** Lunch
- 13.30** **Session 13: Preparing for the future**
Continued discussion about how to take forward conversations locally, regionally and nationally.
- 15.00** **Eucharist**
- 15.40** Close & tea before people head off at **16.00**