

National Assembly 21 May 2016

Motion NA2016/15 – “That NA expresses its opposition to all forms of civil partnerships other than marriages between one man & one woman.”

The NA affirms the definition of marriage [as in Marriage Act 1961]

The National Assembly Affirmation of Marriage:

That the National Assembly reaffirms the convictions we have held since the founding of our denomination in 1981:

Almighty God, the Maker of heaven and earth, created humans in His own image and likeness. He made us male and female and He gave to us the institution of marriage at the very beginning. He designed marriage to be the lifetime, committed union of a man and a woman which is to be a picture of Christ and His Bride – the Church. All have sinned and fallen short of God’s purpose. However, God’s grace in Christ is sufficient to forgive, set free and make new anyone who turns to Him in repentance and faith Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-25; Malachi 2:15-16; Matthew 19:4-9; Ephesians 5:22-33; Romans 3:9-31; Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 24.

God consistently declares that homosexual activity is not proper and should not take place. Therefore, it would be improper for any member or minister of the Westminster Presbyterian Church to officiate at the wedding ceremony of any union other than one man and one woman. No one who were to perform such a ceremony could remain in good standing in this denomination. Romans 1:24-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Further, if in the future, any government were to seek to compel a member or minister of this denomination to perform such a function, that member or minister would be conscience bound to refuse, for to do so would be sin on their part. Acts 4:19; 5:29; Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 23.