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Table 6. Same-Gender Relationships	Religious Viewpoints	Church: Same-Gender Relationships	Theological Viewpoints
Prohibition	Reconciliation	Repent of the church's desire and	Return to true heterosexual
Tolerance	Welcoming non-affirming	Repent of the church's non-affirming	Acceptance of one's choice through abstinence
Accommodation	Focus: gay relationships are disobedient; they may be substance-abusing.	While it is better to be obedient than to be disobedient.	Exclusive, same-sex partnerships are better than promiscuity - i.e., they are the lesser of evils.
Legitimation	Reconciliation	Focus: of singleness and ignominy	Creation of a just world in which differences no longer make a difference.
Celebration	Gays and lesbians to be recognized for their goodness and orientation	Challenging categories	Gift to one's sexual orientation; God's good gift.
Liberation	Challenging categories	Challenging categories	Complexity of gender
Consecration	Reconciliation	Sin does not reside in one's orientation per se but in one's life choices. Orientation is a matter of grace.	Sexuality is to be consecrated through an exclusive covenant, not sexuality, are the objects of our celebration.

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