

Resolution to amend the Lutheran Student Movement Welcome Statement

Whereas

- The Lutheran Student Movement in the United States of America welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.
- The Reconciling in Christ program (with whom we are affiliated) continues to add more gender identities to their cause.
- At the 2007 LSM National Gathering, there was an outcry from the national body that we re-evaluate our welcome statement in order to be sure all people are included in the LSM Welcome Statement.
- We, Lutheran Student Movement, do not want to exclude anybody based on their sexual orientation or gender identity due to a legislative lapse between the Reconciling in Christ Program updating their statement and the general assembly of Lutheran Student Movement being able to meet.
- The Reconciling in Christ program has suggested that we use the term below to encompass everybody.

Therefore be it resolved:

- That the Lutheran Student Movement Welcome Statement now use the phrase ‘people of all sexual orientations and gender identities’ in place of ‘gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender’.

Therefore be it further resolved that the Lutheran Student Movement Welcome Statement now read:

Lutheran Student Movement is a Reconciling in Christ organization. The Lutheran Student Movement affirms that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities share with others the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome within the membership of this movement upon making the same affirmation of faith that all other members make. As members of this movement, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this movement.

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