The LGBTIAQ+ Task Team

Purpose

The purpose of the Task Team is multi-faceted and includes the following:

- 1. To provide a safe space to facilitate theologising and strategizing around pastoral care, mission and advocacy for LGBTIAQ+ communities in Southern Africa and particularly within the MCSA.
- 2. To facilitate the respectful inclusion of the opinions, insights and experiences of the LGBTIAQ+ community into the ongoing conversations within the MCSA with regard to Gender Identities, Sexuality, Marriage and Family Life (which has historically been termed the 'same-sex debate'.)
- 3. To contribute to the continuing conscientisation and equipping of the Church to engage respectfully and justly with the LGBTIAQ+ community, not only within the ecosystem of the Church but also within the greater society, in all the countries in which the MCSA finds itself.
- 4. To advocate against the violence, abuse, dehumanisation and societal marginalisation of LGBTIAQ+ persons within Southern Africa.