

# **Response of the Session of Mount Zion, Ridgetown, Ontario, to the Special Committee of Past Moderators on the Question of Unity and Diversity**

January 8, 2019

The members of the session of Mt. Zion have read, discussed and prayerfully considered this document. This is our response:

We believe The Presbyterian Church in Canada must be in agreement over its essential beliefs: this includes the definition of marriage and the appropriate place of sexuality.

We believe that the Bible clearly states that marriage is intended to be between one man and one woman and that sexual activity was intended to take place within this relationship. This is an unchanging truth and is reflected in our subordinate standards.

We believe that the church must maintain these standards and not be influenced by social norms. We must provide a Godly and Biblical alternative to a constantly changing world.

We also believe that the church must treat every person, no matter what their beliefs, with the same love that Christ showed. We must lovingly accept everyone into our family, yet boldly stand up for what is right.

This statement was adopted by resolution of session, which met Jan. 3, 2019.

We are praying for your committee, along with the Committee of Former Moderators, as you discern God's will for our church.

In the peace of Christ,

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