



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CONFERENCES
18th - 20th October 2024, Poland

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**RECONNECTING SEXUALITY AND GENDER:
ATTACHMENT, PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY**

10th Annual IFTCC Conference

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INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR
THERAPEUTIC & COUNSELLING CHOICE

EQUIPPING | EMPOWERING | PROMOTING | ADVOCATING:

Therapeutic Choice and Pastoral Care - Internationally

... in the Judeo-Christian context

Welcome to the 10th Annual IFTCC Conference!

On behalf of the Conference Planning sub-group, we'd like to warmly welcome you to the INTO THE WIND event which we believe is advancing professional and pastoral counselling work. More than that, it's an opportunity to come together as we stand against the tide of progressivist ideology.

Please be aware that PowerPoint presentations for the conference have been, or will be shortly uploaded at learning.iftcc.org.



Please check the programme and decide what you can comfortably attend from Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October. Give yourself time for fellowship with others, to enjoy good food, for sleep and some relaxation. Clearly it's not possible to attend every session.

Remember that all sessions are video recorded. These will be made available on the IFTCC's learning.iftcc.org platform early in 2025. If you paid the full registration fee and were resident at the hotel for the conference, you will receive a free coupon on request (learning@iftcc.org) with which to access all the individual presentations listed on the programme.

Optional Christian Services

Pre-IFTCC and Conference Prayer Meeting - **Wednesday 16/10** :
20:00 – 21:15 (Meet: Hotel Foyer at 20:00)

AIM: To pray for the Lord's blessing on the conference.

Pastor Simon Wyatt

Prayer Meeting
Friday and Saturday 18 & 19/10
07:15 – 08:00

Breaking of Bread
Sunday 20/10: 07:00 – 08:00

Venue: Heart

Roman Catholic Mass
Saturday 19/10: 07:00
Sunday 20/10: 07:00

Venue: Hands

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We support the rights of those leaving LGBT identities, behaviours, attractions and life-choices.

The IFTCC Declaration provides:

a Detailed
Understandable
Analytical
Scientific
Cultural Perspective

...for those supporting individuals who experience conflict between their sexuality and their primary values, and those who support them professionally, understanding the scientific literature.

Sign the Declaration



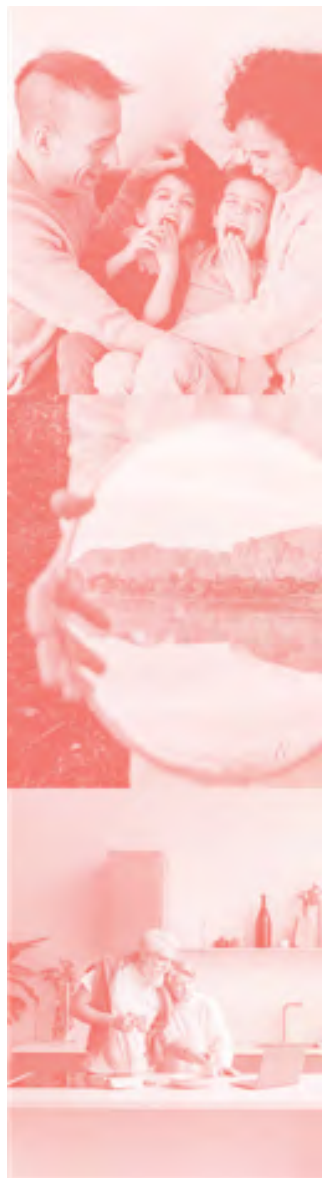
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THE 10 POINTS in summary

- 01** Banning 'conversion therapy' infringes human rights and freedoms, imperilling both therapeutic choice and pastoral, professional and parental rights. See paragraphs 1-6 of the Review Document.
- 02** Professional bodies promoting discriminatory monocultural viewpoints prevent ideological diversity and critique. See paragraphs 7-8 of the Review Document.
- 03** 'Mostly-heterosexuals', the largest non-heterosexual minority group, are being denied therapeutic support to affirm their heterosexual aspirations. See paragraphs 9-11 of the Review Document.
- 04** Sexual fluidity happens in both directions but this is being ignored. See paragraphs 12-17 of the Review Document.
- 05** Banning 'conversion therapy' will extend 'cancel culture', silence dissent and inhibit free speech. See paragraphs 18-25 of the Review Document.
- 06** Political aspirations sacrifice much needed therapy for children and adults who feel distress about their sex. See paragraph 26 of the Review Document.
- 07** 'Conversion therapy' bans are unsafe while potential causal links between trauma and same-sex attractions and 'gender dysphoria' remain unexamined. See paragraph 27 of the Review Document.
- 08** Change-allowing therapies do not actually cause 'harm' or increase suicidality according to peer-reviewed research. See paragraphs 28-31 of the Review Document.
- 09** Torture claims in 'conversion therapy' are unsubstantiated and are designed to silence dissent. See paragraphs 32-36 of the Review Document.
- 10** Church leaders conceding to unsafe 'conversion therapy' bans defame and undermine the potentially complementary roles of pastoral and professional counselling. See paragraphs 37-39 of the Review Document.





ARE YOU A REGISTERED COUNSELLOR, PSYCHOTHERAPIST OR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER LOOKING FOR MORE TRAINING AND CONNECTION?

Connect with other counselling or psychotherapeutic professionals at our online Clinical Discussion Group, led by Robert Vazzo, LMFT (Alliance) and IFTCC specialists.

The Clinical Discussion Group aims to facilitate cross-disciplinary interaction between professionals with different experience levels, internationally.

Register by emailing us at learning@iftcc.org, with the subject "**Clinical Discussion Group**".



The IFTCC Consensus Statement

The IFTCC affirms Biblical morality and the Christian faith and understands the damaging effects of homosexuality and gender incongruence on the image of God. As clinical practitioners, researchers, pastoral care workers, professionals, and lay-people, IFTCC extends psychological and spiritual healing that strengthens and supports disciples of Christ and those from other faith backgrounds or no faith at all.

We gather to proclaim Biblical anthropology according to the teachings of Jesus Christ and **affirm that-**

- humanity, in the diversity of two distinct, yet complementary biological sexes, male and female, are created uniquely and intentionally to bear God's image together on earth.¹
- Christ blesses the covenant of marriage and its bodily consummation only between one man and one woman and prohibits every sexual union outside this marital covenant.² Therefore, by this teaching
- chastity outside marriage validates the dignity of the human body and celibacy is a unique spiritual gift of dedication to God only as it aligns with Biblical anthropology.³
- the Biblical mandate for Christian leaders reflects this anthropology.⁴
- that sexuality, marriage, and the family it creates are essential elements of God's command to be fruitful and multiply but have been corrupted and distorted by sin.⁵ Therefore, the Christian faith offers to all people Christ's healing, restoration, and reconciliation to glorify God and declare the hope of Christ's coming kingdom.

¹ Matthew 19:4, Genesis 1:27, 5:2

² Matthew 5:27-30, 32; 19:5-6; Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18; Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5: 31; 1 Cor 6:16

³ 1 Corinthians 6:17-7:40; Matthew 19:10-12

⁴ 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:6-9

⁵ Genesis 1:28, Romans 3:9, 19, 23; Romans 11:32; Galatians 3:22



OUR FIRST CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME!

We are pleased to announce the start of the IFTCC Certificate Programme and are grateful for the £30k donation to enable this!

Project goal

Create a comprehensive Certification Program based on the IFTCC's Competency Framework to address the needs of professional and pastoral care practitioners, educators, and community leaders globally.

Our commitment

We're aiming to launch 9 comprehensive certificate programs covering the Clinical, Pastoral, and Research areas, each at Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced levels.

Who can benefit?

- professionals seeking Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).
- lay persons aiming to upskill in this area.
- those seeking IFTCC membership.

Want to stay updated on the progress and release date?

Email us at learning@iftcc.org with "Certificate Programme" as the subject.

Friday 18 October

15:00 Registration

17:00-18:00 10th IFTCC Anniversary Welcome Dinner

17:15 Welcome to Poland

Dr Szymon Grzelak and Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel

18:00-18:45 Session 1

A Christian Perspective Under Fire: Religious Liberty and Free Speech in the Mental Health Profession.

Dr Mercy Connors and Dr Shannae Anderson (Plenary)

18:45-19:30 Session 2

Restoring Parental Rights - Legal Advocacy in Cases Involving Transgender Youth: Frontiers, Successes and Frustrations.

Dr Felix Böllmann (Plenary)

19:45-20:50 Session 3

Celibacy or Abstinence? Why the Distinction Matters.

Dr Rosaria Butterfield, Pastor Elizabeth Woning, Dr Mike Davidson (Plenary)

20:50-21:15 Session 4

Pathway Introductions (meet Pathways presenters)

Next Day 



19 October Saturday

07:00-09:00 Breakfast

09:00-09:45 Session 5

How Sex and Gender Became Disconnected: How We Got Here / How We Return to Reality.

Glenn Stanton (Plenary)

10:00-13:00 Pathway 1 (sessions 6-14)

10:00-10:45 Sessions 6-8

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Prof Paul Sullins

Shut Up or Speak Out?
Censorship and Truth in the
Therapy Wars.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Dr Ann Gillies

Throwing Our Children
Into the Wind: How Peer
Attachment is Damaging
Our Children.

HEART

Pastoral Care

**Dr Jennifer Roback
Morse**

Understanding the Global
Sexual Revolution: How
Misunderstanding the
Purposes of Human
Sexuality Hinders Authentic
Attachments.

10:45-11:15 Tea/Coffee

11:15-12:00

Sessions 9-11

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Dr Laura Haynes

Gender Dysphoria Treatment: The Cass Review and Other Research Updates.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel

Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Therapy of Children with Gender Identity Problems. Presentation of 'SPCh Standards'.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Bryan Shen

Systemic Approach to Reconnecting Individuals to Their Faith, Family, and Community.

12:15-13:00

Sessions 12-14

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Abbey Foard

Healing the Gender Divide: Addressing Wounds of Misogyny and Misandry.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Prof Carolyn Pela

Application of Narrative Therapy to Sexuality and Gender Issues.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Victor Novičhi

The Orphan Spirit and the Mindset of Performance.

13:00-14:15

Lunch

14:15-17:00

Pathway 2 (sessions 15-23)

14:15-15:00

Sessions 15-17

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Dr Szymon Grzelak

Helping Individuals at the Cost of the Community? Why Prevention of SSA and GD Issues Requires the Balance of Individual and Community Goals.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Paul Diamond

An Open Meeting with a Human Rights Barrister Around Sexuality and Gender Issues in the International Context.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Marcia Weekes

Part I
Arts, Media, Entertainment: Teaching the Biblical World View on Gender and Sexuality - A Caribbean Perspective.

15:15-16:00

Sessions 18-21

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

**Dr Katherine Snyder,
Baruch Lieberman**

Trauma, War and Hope.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Ole Gramstad Jensen

Conversion Therapy Bans:
Comply or Challenge?

HEART

Pastoral Care

Wayne Blakely

Blown Away? Faith &
Failure.

Venue to be announced Session 21

Dr Mike Davidson

Freud said 'Tell Me', Moreno
said 'Show Me': Reviving Action
Methods in Talking Therapies.

16:00-16:30

Tea/Coffee

16:30-17:15

Sessions 22-24

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Dr Felix Böllmann

Self-ID Laws from a Legal
Perspective, Conversion
Therapy Bans and Strategic
Litigation in General.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Dr Lisa Nolland

Disempowering Plausible
but Specious LGBT Claims.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Richard Oostrum

The Story of How One
Man's Life Was Changed
Forever.

17:30-18:15

Session 25

Sex Addiction - Discovering Recovery in Community.

Dr Floyd Godfrey (Plenary)

18:30-19:15

Session 26

How to Critically Read the Research on Change Efforts.

Dr Christopher Rosik (Plenary)

19:15-20:15

Dinner

20:30-21:15

Session 27

Questions and Answers (Plenary)

Next Day →



20 October

Sunday

07:00-09:00 Breakfast

09:00-09:45 Session 28

Why True Marriage Cannot Be Gay.

Prof Paul Sullins (Plenary)

10:00-13:00 Pathway 3 (session 29-38)

10:00-10:45 Sessions 29-31

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Glenn Stanton

Why the "LGBTQ+"
Construct is Currently
Imploding.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

Abbey Foard

Merging Healing
Streams: The Importance
of Both Individual and
Group Care for Struggler.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Janine Frackowiak

Pursuing A Godly Lifestyle
- Sexual Abstinence.

10:45-11:15 Tea/Coffee

11:15-12:00 Sessions 32-34

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Dr Floyd Godfrey

Same-Sex Attraction -
Symptom of Attachment
Wounds, Deficits and
Needs.

HANDS

Clinical Practise

**Dr Christopher Rosik,
Dr Laura Haynes**

Introducing the 'Journal
of Human Sexuality' and
the Science and Research
Council.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Dr Tony Rucinski

The Incorruptible Core of
our Culture.

12:15-13:00

Sessions 35-37

HEAD

Scholarship and Research

Dr Jennifer Roback Morse

Toward a Civilization of Love: Rebuilding Authentic Community by Properly Reconnecting Sex and the Body.

HANDS

Clinical Practice

Dr Lisa Nolland

Sexual Activity and Youngsters: Bad, Sad, Tragic.

HEART

Pastoral Care

Marcia Weekes

Part II

Arts, Media, Entertainment: Teaching the Biblical World View on Gender and Sexuality - A Caribbean Perspective.

13:15-14:00

Session 38

Old Storms and New Winds: Going Forward Safely.

Dr. Mike Davidson (Plenary)

14:00

Lunch

End of the Conference

Speakers' Profiles

US

Abbey Foard



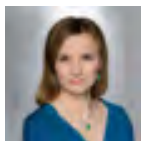
Associate Director of Desert Stream Ministries; Licensed as a Professional Counselor. Leads Living Waters trainings and conferences internationally. Believes in the power of Christ-in-Community to bring healing and clarity in her own life and others'.

CA

Dr Ann Gillies



Spent 25+ years in private counselling practice working extensively with trauma survivors. Now focuses on advocacy and political reform for the sexually traumatized and the most vulnerable among us - our children.

PL**Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel**

Psychologist, Christian counsellor, researcher, board member of Polish Association of Christian Psychologists; vice-president of the Institute of Analysis of Sex and Sexuality "She and He".

SG**Bryan Shen**

Professional counsellor & supervisor based in Singapore. He gives educational talks to conservative religious communities and leaders.

UK**Dr Tony Rucinski**

Is Director at Coalition for Marriage (C4M.org.uk), the UK's largest pro-marriage group, representing tens of thousands who support real (man/woman) marriage.

US**Dr Christopher Rosik**

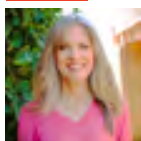
Psychologist & Director of Research at Link Care Centre, California. He is a member of the APA, the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, and the National Association of Social Workers.

IL**Baruch Lieberman**

Is an elder in the Shemen Sasoon congregation. He is a trained counselor at Anchor of Hope Counseling Center in Jerusalem. He facilitates a men's 12-step group for those struggling with pornography. Baruch holds a Master in Education and is a certified life coach.

IL**Dr Katherine Snyder**

Director of Anchor of Hope Counseling and Resource Center in Jerusalem, Israel, since 2013. Former chaplain at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, as an Assessment Supervisor at the Psychiatric Institute of Washington, DC, and as a Management and Employee Consultant in the United States Federal Government.

US**Prof Carolyn Pela**

Licensed marriage and family therapist in Arizona, USA, specialising in issues related to neurodivergence and gender identity. She has over 35 years of clinical experience. She also serves as Vice Chair of the IFTCC Executive Board, and co-leads the IFTCC certificate program.

UK**Paul Diamond**

Leading barrister on the law of religious liberty; including matters of both ethical and social conscience. He has fought some of the most important and controversial cases in both the United Kingdom and Europe; from the House of Lords to the Courts of Strasbourg and Luxembourg.

US**Dr Jennifer Roback Morse**

President of The Ruth Institute and author of six books. She was a spokeswoman for California's winning Proposition 8 Campaign, defending man-woman marriage.

BB**Marcia Weekes**

Artistic Director of Praise Academy of Dance Barbados and Co-Founder of the film company Step By Step Production. Her socially relevant and faith based productions have won awards in her country Barbados and internationally.

AT**Dr Felix Böllmann**

Director of European Advocacy for ADF International. Attorney-at-law licensed in Germany. He advises on issues involving the UN, the European Court of Human Rights, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the European Parliament.

US**Dr Floyd Godfrey**

Worked as a Licensed Professional Counsellor for 23 years and has been both a Certified Sex Addiction Therapist and a Certified Clinical Sexologist. He co-founded the Sexual Addiction & Betrayal Trauma (SABR) program, and 'Band of Brothers' for young men. He is a member of the AACC and authored 'Healing & Recovery.'

US**Glenn T. Stanton**

Director of Global Family Formation Studies at Focus on the Family. He debates and lectures on the issues of gender, sexuality, marriage and parenting worldwide.

UK**Dr Mike Davidson**

Founder and CEO of the UK charity, Core Issues Trust. He advocates for the rights and freedoms of those leaving homosexuality and those with gender incongruity, IFTCC Chairman.

US **Dr Laura Haynes**



Retired Psychologist with over 40 years of experience. She served as an expert on sexuality and gender research for various professional organisations.

UK **Dr Lisa Nolland**



Sex Historian and CEO of the MSC (Marriage, Sex and Culture) Group, London. Former lay school chaplain, youth worker and teacher, who created a unique apologetic on the human body, sex and the LGBTQ to enable youth make wise life choices.

NO **Ole Gramstad Jensen**



Lawyer from Stavanger, Norway, who leads Til Helhet, a church-based organisation supporting family values and orthodox teaching on human sexuality.

US **Prof Paul Sullins**



Leader in the field of research on same-sex parenting and its implications for child development. He has written four books and over 100 articles on issues of family, faith and culture.

NL **Richard Oostrum**



YWAM missionary in The Netherlands. He helps those affected by unwanted same-sex attractions to overcome through the power of Jesus, using his own testimony from a homosexual lifestyle to a married father.

US **Dr Szymon Grzelak**



Researcher and practitioner with 30 years of experience in the prevention of youth sexual risk behaviour and other youth problems. Has a PhD in Psychology. Founder of the European Institute of Integrated Prevention.

MD **Victor Novičhi**



Co-Director of X-Out-Loud. Blogger on Christian topics. He helps and supports men who struggle with sexual and gender confusion using his own testimony.

US**Wayne Blakely**

Founder of Know His Love Ministries. After nearly 40 years of living as an openly gay man, now writes and speaks around the world, sharing what God has done in his life and what He promises to do for all who choose to establish their identity in Him.

US**Dr Shannae Anderson**

Director of Psychology, and Co-Director of Ethics and Advocacy for the American Association of Christian Counselors, the Clinical Director for Monarch Recovery and Kokua Wellness treatment programs in Southern California, an Adjunct Professor at Liberty University, and a sought-after speaker nationwide.

US**Dr Rosaria Butterfield**

Writer, speaker, homemaker, and former tenured professor of English at Syracuse University has written extensively about her former life as a lesbian activist and queer theorist.

US**Pastor Elizabeth Woning**

Was formerly lesbian before becoming Co-Founder and Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs of the CHANGED Movement. She teaches at Bethel Church and School of Ministry. Elizabeth and her husband, Doug, reside in Redding, CA. She is a General Board member of the IFTCC.

US**Dr Mercy Connors**

Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor for the state of Virginia. Director of Program Development and Professional Relations American Association of Christian Counselors.

MT**Janine Frackowiak**

Technician and trainer in hairdressing with 20 years of experience. She studied personal coaching to improve her skills as a leader. Part of X-Out-Loud, Janine pursues Biblical values and tries to make an impact in all spheres of life around her.



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