

24TH - 26TH OCTOBER 2025

STAY THE COURSE


TOWARDS A HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN SEXUALITY AND PERSONAL MATURITY IN COUNSELLING AND PASTORAL CARE





This is a draft programme. Speaker positions may change.

International movements to ban therapeutic choice stifles or jams open debate about therapy and pastoral care. Research being presented to politicians and decision-makers imposes findings relevant to LGBT-identified and practicing individuals, which are generalized to former- and non-LGBT identified persons who experience same-sex attractions. Consequently, the existence of such non-LGBT identified persons who experience attractions for the same sex and/or, unwanted gender dysphoria and incongruency, is not recognized. 'Essentialist fundamentalism', the idea that sexuality is innate and immutable continues to be promoted by progressives as the only way to understand sexuality. The language of 'orientation' similarly continues to be promoted and uncritically embraced as a fixed, inherited, and unchangeable reality, by both Church and State. Some Christians increasingly articulate a new anthropology wherein LGBT+ identity is embraced as part of the Creative Order; redemption necessitating 'celibacy', (not 'abstinence') - rather than transformation. How do we enter into the wind and respond to these challenges? Re-affirming purpose by reconnecting sexuality and gender is an important start; understanding attachment and the role of community is vital as we serve those seeking help.


-  - Prevention
-  - Pastoral Care
-  - Advocacy
-  - Youth
-  - Legal
-  - Counselling
-  - Theology
-  - Research
-  - Children
-  - Testimony

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

15:00	Registration
17:00-18:00	11th IFTCC Welcome Dinner
[REC] 18:00-18:45	Session 1 Rev. Moss Ntliha (Plenary) 
Title to follow	
[REC] 18:45-19:30	Session 2 Dr Maggie Muhia (Plenary)  
Effective Ways of Reaching Out to the Next Generation to Stay the Course (1 John 2:14 - the young are strong)	
[REC] 19:30-20:15	Session 3 Paul Joshua 'PJ' Bedwell (Plenary)  
Salvation First: Youth Discipleship that Reorients Evangelism Towards Repentance and Redemption in Ministering to LGBT-Identifying People	
20:30-21:15	Pathway 1 (Sessions 4-7)







[REC] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[REC] HANDS Clinical Practise	[REC] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Prof Rollin Grams  Paul's Psychology of the Will: Romans 7 and the Battle for the Inner Life	John McLean  Unwanted Sexual Attraction and Attachment Wounds	Rev Elizabeth Woning  Visualized: How the Tech Revolution is Changing Hearts and Minds on Sexuality	Liam Hayden   Unblend Yourself - Rebuilding Broken Identities from the Dust







SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025

07:00-09:00	Breakfast
[LIVE] 09:00-09:45	Session 8 Dr Amy Hamilton (Plenary) 
Avoiding Sexual Identity Labels and Keeping the 'Open Future'	
10:00-13:00	Pathway 2 (Sessions 9-20)

[LIVE] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[LIVE] HANDS Clinical Practise	[LIVE] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Dr Szymon Grzelak  Why the Young Generation Does Not Want to Have Children? The Impact of Sexual and Mental Disorientation, and the Response of Integrated Prevention.	Prof Carolyn Pela and Dr Sybrand de Vaal   Understanding the Correlation Between Gender Dysphoria and Autism Spectrum Traits	Dr Julie Maxwell   LGBTQ+ Identities: How Do We Care Pastorally for Children and Young People?	Eric Schulz    The Impact of Early Wounds on the Self: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Gender Identity







10:45-11:15 Tea/Coffee

[LIVE] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[LIVE] HANDS Clinical Practise	[LIVE] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Dr Tony Rucinski  Strong Marriages Make Strong Nations - But How Do We Get Back There?	Bryan Shen   The Criticality of Family Systems Approaches - Especially in Conservative Religious Communities	Baruch Lieberman  How to Practically Help People Overcome Addiction to Pornography	PJ Bedwell   Pastoral Care for Children and Adolescents








[LIVE] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[LIVE] HANDS Clinical Practise	[LIVE] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Prof Paul Sullins  What Do Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE) Change?	Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel   Ancient Christian Theology of Martyrdom as a Help Today	Dr Jennifer Roback Morse   Leaving Pride Behind: You, Your Friends, and Your Clients Are Not Alone	Dr Maria Calatrava  Considering Correlation Versus Causation in Research - What Is the Difference and Why Is This Important?

13:00-14:15	Lunch
14:15-17:00	Pathway 3 (Sessions 21-32)






[LIVE] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[LIVE] HANDS Clinical Practise	[LIVE] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Dr Laura Haynes   Advancing the Course in Ethical Activism and Political Engagement for Clinicians Preparing to Testify	Dr Joseph Nicolosi   Memory Reconsolidation Leads to Safe, Effective, Durable Sexual Attraction Changes	Prof Paul Sullins  Pastoral Care of Same-Sex Attracted Catholics: Magisterial, Apostolate and Parish Resources	Paul Diamond  Title to follow

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Dr Joseph Nicolosi   Further Down the Rabbit Hole: Memory Reconsolidation for Unwanted, Sexually Arousing Memories	Dr Katherine Snyder and Baruch Lieberman   Perseverance in Pioneering LGBTQ Counselling in the Evangelical Community	Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel Avoiding Cult-Like Christian Communities - A First Aid Kit  	Dr Mark Pickering Seeking Change, Accepting Frailty, Finding Peace - medical insights into current debates







16:00-16:30 Tea/Coffee

[LIVE] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[LIVE] HANDS Clinical Practise	[LIVE] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Eric Schulz   Reclaiming Wonder: Helping the Wounded See Purpose in Their Design - A Theology of the Body	John Hinson   C.S. Lewis, the Abolition of Man, and Sexuality in the 21st Century	Dr Maggie Muhia   Staying the Course by Going Back to Teaching the Basics of the Christian Faith (Jeremiah 6:16 - ask for the old paths)	Dr Szymon Grzelak  Dr Szymon Grzelak. Towards a Positive Consensus on Matters of Family and Sexuality - The Experience of The Institute for Integrated Prevention



[LIVE] 17:30-18:15	Session 33 Dr Floyd Godfrey (Plenary) 
Experiential Exercises for Attachment Issues with Adolescents and Young Adults	
18:30-19:15	Pathway 4 (Sessions 34-37)





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Dr Floyd Godfrey  New Pathways into Pornography Addiction Among Youth	John McLean  Sex Addiction and Attachment Wounds	Dr Tony Rucinski   Why Did Nobody Tell Us? Evidence-Based Secrets For Anyone Wanting a Thriving Marriage.	Tia Arshad and Kirandeep Toor  Real Life Lessons: Facilitating LGBT Coverts in the Church

19:15-20:15	Dinner
20:15-21:00	Pathway 5 (Sessions 38-41)

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Prof Rollin Grams  Soft Men and Moral Collapse: Reclaiming Paul's Warning in 1 Corinthians 6:9	Dr (Med) Kwai-wah Hong   Is Gender Affirmative Care the Best Treatment Approach for Childhood Gender Dysphoria? My Experience in Helping Chinese Families with Transgender Kids in Hong Kong (Part 1)	Dr Shannae Anderson   Dr Mercy Connors American Association of Christian Counselling (title to follow)	Dr Maria Calatrava  Evaluating Observational Research - How It Is Different from Other Approaches Like Correlational and Quasi-Experimental Research

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025


07:00-09:00	Breakfast
[REC] 09:00-09:45	Session 42 Surprise Speaker (Plenary)  
Title to follow	
[REC] 10:00-13:00	Pathway 6 (sessions 43-54)

[REC] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[REC] HANDS Clinical Practise	[REC] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Prof Carolyn Pela  Introduction to Evaluating Research	John Hinson   Purpose, Meaning, and Human Sexuality	Janine Frackowiak   Breaking Barriers: The Courage to Step into Counselling - Uncovering Freedom	Bryan Shen   Power Dynamics in Religious Communities: the Non-Sexual Consequences of Non-Heterosexuality

10:45-11:15 Tea/Coffee

[REC] HEAD Scholarship and Research	[REC] HANDS Clinical Practise	[REC] HEART Pastoral Care	[REC] VOICE Advocacy, Legal and Public Witness
Dr Jeanise Dalli  Title to follow	Dr Laura Haynes  IFTCC Science and Research Council: Projects Completed, in Progress, and Future Brainstorming (Open Meeting)	Dr Amy Hamilton   Sexual Abuse in the Church	Marcin Perłowski   When Statistics Fall Short - Engaging Young People in Conversations about Digital Addiction

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Dr Jennifer Roback Morse   The Sexual State: How Elite Ideologies Are Destroying Lives and Why the Church Was Right All Along	Dr Mark Pickering Does this Need a Doctor? - when medical input can help in therapy	Dr Julie Maxwell   "Help! My Child Identifies As Part of the LGBTQ+ Community": How Can We Support Parents in This Situation?	Dr. (Med) Kwai-wah Hong   Is Gender Affirmative Care the Best Treatment Approach for Childhood Gender Dysphoria? Sharing Case Studies (Part 2)

13:15-14:00	Session 55 Questions and Answers Session: Dr. Mike Davidson (Chairman) (Plenary) 
Preserving Our Legacies: Preserving Options and Safeguarding Freedoms	
14:00	End of the Conference