



IMPORTANT CLERGY MEMBERSHIP CLAUSE

Clergy Membership with LGN

Whether a part of an already established church or ministry, your membership allows you to be covered and recognized nationally. Our network includes committed believers dedicated to preaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as outlined in Holy Scriptures. We recognize and allow ministers/ministries to maintain their autonomy while ***providing a legal covering and ministry accountability.***

Marriages

Logos Global Network clergy have the authority to perform marriages throughout the United States, however each state has different laws regarding recognition to perform marriages. For example, some state laws may NOT require you to officially register, but government offices may ask to see documents verifying proof of ordination. Therefore, it is the responsibility of our clergy members to maintain compliance with their local county and state authorities and it is imperative that your membership remains current in case the LGN Headquarters is contacted for verification.



An official statement on the recent Supreme Court ruling on Marriage

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The President and Presbyters of LGN have received and reviewed the recent ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States of America and are deeply grieved by the stark departure from God's revealed order. We are concerned for the inevitable results from this action to change the legal understanding of marriage and family life.

While this decision grieves us, God's truth and the goodness of the order established in creation have not been changed. The kingdom of God cannot be shaken. We pray with confidence that God will reveal His glory, love, goodness, and hope to the world through his Church as we seek to follow him in faith and obedience.

Jesus Christ teaches that God is the author of marriage from the beginning of time (Matthew 19:4-6). God's design for marriage has always involved a man and a woman: "a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). These truths have ordered civilization for thousands of years. Where God's designs are followed in any society, including his designs for marriage and families, the result is the greatest possible blessing and abundance of life.

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is often summarized as, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Because of his love, we love and care for all those who experience same-sex attraction. Logos Global Network and its members continue to welcome everyone to experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Marriage is established by God for the procreation and raising of children and for the good of society. For this reason, governments have an interest in marriage and have delegated authority from God to protect and regulate it. But no court, no legislature and no local magistrate has the authority to redefine marriage and to impose this definition on their citizens.

The United States of America, so its founders believed and taught, is a nation under God whose citizens' fundamental rights are derived from the Creator. There is no right to a

relationship which is contrary to the Creator's express design. We cannot accept the Supreme Court's decision purporting to find a fundamental right to same-sex "marriage" any more than we can accept its claim to have found a right to destroy human life in the womb. We will work with others to overturn this decision, and we pray that others will join with us in this effort.

In the meantime, we shall continue to exercise our religious freedom to perform marriages for those who come for holy matrimony as defined by our Churches. Logos Global Network and its member churches and clergy only authorizes and performs marriages between one man and one woman. We respect the consciences of those clergy who may decline to perform marriages as agents of the state. We ask our churches to respect such decisions and help make arrangements to minister to those seeking to be married. We are also well aware that this ruling may create difficulties for our lay members and Christian institutions as they seek to be faithful in upholding God's design for marriage, and we will make every effort to find ways to support and stand with them. The Church bears witness to the truth of God's Word and God's design of marriage. When government oversteps its rightful authority, "we must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Today there is no place for either triumphalism or despair, so we prayerfully and sincerely urge a spirit of charity by all. We speak out of a concern for the consequences that our people and our neighbors will suffer from an unjust and unwise decision by five justices of the Supreme Court. We call those justices to repentance, even as we echo Jesus' words, praying for God the Father to forgive them, for they know not what they have done.

We call our people to a season of prayer and fasting for the restoration of marriage to its Godly and Biblical place in our society.

Unanimously adopted by the LGN International Presbyters Council.

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