

STUDY COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

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I. Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality

A. *Materials*: Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality Report, including Appendix, pp. 403-44

B. Recommendation

1. That synod receive the interim report from the Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality for information.
2. That synod in receiving the report recognize that this is an *interim* report and therefore, by definition, unfinished. Please take special note of section IV within the report (*Agenda for Synod 2019*, p. 437) which lays out the committee's future plans.
3. That members of the Study Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality (2019 Interim Report) be given the privilege of the floor to present the interim report to synod, and to lead a 90-minute time of table discussion in order to receive feedback from synod.

II. Response to Overture 24: Commend the Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality to the Classes and Churches for Reflection and Study

A. *Materials*: Overture 24, Agenda Supplement

B. Recommendations

That synod not accede to Overture 24 to commend the Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality to the classes and churches for reflection and study.

Grounds:

1. Although the Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality is a valuable document, it is premature to commend it to the churches prior to the completion of the work of the current synodical Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality.
2. The interim report from the Study Committee to Articulate a Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality provides a valuable resource to the churches and already encourages study of the Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality.