

# How would we remove anti-LGBTQ+ language/policies in the Discipline?

*(Parentheses indicate General Conference 2024 Committee assignment)*

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## Remove Harmful Language in the Social Principles *(Church and Society 2)*

Adopting the Revised Social Principles as proposed removes the harmful incompatibility phrase, and alters the definition of marriage to be more inclusive. The Revised Social Principles also allow the church to speak to issues in a coherent, globally relevant way.

In the current Social Principles, there are two problematic paragraphs to amend/delete:

¶ 161.C – *our definition of marriage*

¶ 161.G – *which includes the harmful “incompatibility” language*

## Remove the Funding Ban *(Financial Administration)*

Delete ¶613.19 & ¶806.9 – restore the church’s authority to fund and resource ministry

## Remove Language Blocking Gay and Lesbian Clergy *(Faith and Order)*

¶304.3 – delete prohibitions in ordination rules, including footnotes

¶304.5 – delete the 3rd & 4th sentences, which were added in 2019

## Open the Option of Marriage for All *(Ordained Ministry)*

¶341.6 – delete this explicit probation on same-sex weddings

## Remove Specific Chargeable Offenses *(Judicial Administration)*

¶2702.1(a and b) - delete language singling out causes for anti-LGBTQ+ charges

*Additional deletions: Some of these changes could be automatic, with the deletions above. Others repeal pieces of the “Traditional Plan” from 2019.*

## Delete block on clergy in footnote *(Ordained Ministry)*

footnote 3 of ¶310.2(d) to remove prohibitions for ordination (as 20420-OM-¶310.2d-G)

## Restoring mutuality in accountability processes - undo harm from GC2019 *(Higher Education/Superintendency)*

¶413.3.c – delete 2019 changes giving complainants preferential power (as 20300-HS-¶413)

¶415.6 – remove 2019 rule disallowing Bishops to consecrate elected Bishops (as 20304-HS-¶415.6-G)

### *(Ordained Ministry)*

¶362 – Remove harmful additions to Just Resolution process from 2019 (as 20500-OM-¶362)

### *(Judicial Administration)*

¶ 2701.5 - Remove harmful additions to Just Resolution process from 2019 (as 20359-JA-¶2701)

¶ 2706.5.c.3 - Remove harmful additions to judicial process from 2019 (as 20381-JA-¶2706.5c3)

¶ 2711.3 – Remove mandatory penalties for same-sex weddings from 2019 (as 20387-JA-¶2711.3-G)

¶ 2715 – Restore the authority of the Committee on Investigation in the appeals process (as 20397-JA-¶2715.10-G)