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Therapeutic Choice and Pastoral Care - Internationally

... in the Judeo-Christian context

Welcome to the 9th Annual IFTCC Conference!

On behalf of the Conference Planning sub-group, we'd like to warmly welcome you to the TURNING THE TIDE 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 uploaded at learning.iftcc.org.



The Conference Planning sub-group was comprised of members from the countries below, and we send you our best wishes for a successful conference.

Hungary , Germany , Norway , USA , Slovakia , Poland  and the UK .

Optional Christian Services

Pre-IFTCC and Conference - **Wednesday 25/10** :
c.8pm – 9.15pm (Meet: Hotel Foyer at 8pm)

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

Pastor Simon Wyatt

Prayer Meeting
Friday and Saturday 27-28/10
7.15am – 8.00am

Breaking of Bread
Sunday 29/10: 7.00am - 8.00

Venue: Heart

Roman Catholic Mass
Saturday 28/10: 7:00 a.m.
Sunday 29/10: 7.00 a.m

Venue: Hands

Why?

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



iftcc.org/the-declaration

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Signed by 50+ organisations



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 Review Document.
- 02 Professional bodies promoting discriminatory monocultural viewpoints prevent ideological diversity and critique. See paragraphs 7-8 of 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 Review Document.
- 04 Sexual fluidity happens in both directions but this is being ignored. See paragraphs 12-17 of Review Document.
- 05 Banning 'conversion therapy' will extend 'cancel culture', silence dissent and inhibit free speech. See paragraphs 18-25 of Review Document.
- 06 Political aspirations sacrifice much needed therapy for children and adults who feel distress about their sex. See paragraph 26 of 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 Review Document.
- 08 Change-allowing therapies do not actually cause 'harm' or increase suicidality according to peer-reviewed research. See paragraphs 28-31 of Review Document.
- 09 Torture claims in 'conversion therapy' are unsubstantiated and are designed to silence dissent. See paragraphs 32-36 of 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 Review Document.



1ST DAY

15:00 **Registration**

17:00 **Supper**

18:00 **Session 1 Welcome** Prayer and Reading

18:15 **When Will the Tide Turn?**
Dr. Mike Davidson, IFTCC Chairman **S1-23-24**

18:45 **Session 2**

Transgender Medicine from 30,000 Feet to Battles on the Ground
Dr. med. Quentin Van Meter **S2-23-24**

* These are the session codes on iftcc.learning.org

Friday

19:25	Session 3	How 'Trans' Reality is Dramatically Shifting and How to Respond Glenn Stanton	S3-23-24
20:05	Session 4	Researchers and Leading Clinicians on Gender Dysphoria Psychotherapy Dr. Laura Haynes	S4-23-24
20:45	Session 5	Q&A for Speakers until 10pm Q&A and Two Important IFTCC Guidelines/Protocol Documents	S5-23-24

2ND DAY Saturday

07:00
08:45

Breakfast

08:45

Session 6

Prayer and Reading

09:00

The Science is Not Settled: Reasons the Current Narrative on Change Efforts is Wrong

Dr. Christopher Rosik

S6-23-24

09:40

Session 7

The Broken Heart: An Open Door to Sexual and Gender Deception

Victor Novitchi

S7-23-24

10:20

Coffee Break

10:50

Session 8

Using the Self-State Model to Regulate Sexuality

Andrew Rodriguez

S8-23-24

11:30

Session 9

Social Systemic Approach to Help People Deeply Hidden with Unwanted Non-Heterosexuality in Conservative Religious Communities

Bryan Shen

S9-23-24

Session Locations:**Plenary Room/Pathway HEAD****Pathway HANDS****Pathway HEART****12:10 Lunch****13:15
15:15 Pathways****I HEAD****Free to Think: Challenging Monocultural Ideology**

- a. **Dr. Christopher Rosik** PA-23-24
Sexual Orientation Change Efforts: Health Associations, Sexual Identity Labeling, and Reports of Change by Engagement Status
- b. **Dr. med. Quentin Van Meter** PB-23-24
Origins of Transgender Ideology
- c. **Prof. Paul Sullins & Dr. med. Maria Calatrava** PC-23-24
Non-Heterosexual Heterosexuals in Britain: Experimenters, Closeted and Desistors

II HANDS**Free to Help: Maintaining Professional Integrity**

- d. **Glenn Stanton** PD-23-24
No, It's Not Getting Better For Our Youth
- e. **Andrea Williams** PE-23-24
Long-Term Strategies in Law, Media and Politics to Challenge the LGBT Ideological Takeaway
- f. **Dr. Ann Gillies** PF-23-24
Pursuing Attachment Security and Godly Identity: Part 2

III HEART**Free to Pray: Integrating Biblical Truth**

- g. **Pastor Ken Williams** PG-23-24
Finding You: A Faith-Based Journey Out of LGBT and Into All Things New
- h. **Victor Noviči** PH-23-24
How to Heal the Broken Heart: Whole & Holy
- i. **Pastor Elizabeth Woning** PI-23-24
The Gospel is Good News!—The Biblical Foundation Undergirding the CHANGED Movement

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45	Session 10		
	Homosexuality as a Symptom of Sexualised Attachments		
	Dr. Floyd Godfrey		S10-23-24
16:25	Session 11		
	More Than One Way: Counseling Models		
	Prof. Carolyn Pela		S11-23-24
17:05	Session 12		
	Does SOCE (Sexual-Orientation-Change-Efforts) Increase Suicide? The Debate		
	Prof. Paul Sullins		S12-23-24
17:45	Session 13		
	Hand-to-Hand Combat Down Under		
	Christopher Brohier		S13-23-24
18:05	Supper		
19:15	Session 14	IFTCC Awards Presentation and New Projects	
	The Adoption of the LGBTIQ-Agenda by the Catholic Church in Germany		
	Gabriele Kuby		S14-23-24
19:55	Session 15		
	Minority Stress vs Natural Law: Sex, Gender, and Orienting to Human Flourishing		
	Dr. Amy Hamilton		S15-23-24
20:35	Session 16		
	Challenges in Ministry to the LGBTQ and Steps to Developing a Pastoral Care Framework in a Predominantly Islamic Nation		
	Rev'd. Tryphena Law Pek Leng		S16-23-24
21:15	Session 17	Q&A for Speakers until 10pm	
			S17-23-24

Session Locations:

Plenary Room/Pathway HEAD

Pathway HANDS

Pathway HEART

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IRID DAY

Sunday

07:00
08:45

Breakfast

08:45

Session 18

Prayer and Reading

09:00

**Are Litigation Strategies Working in the Issues of Sexuality and Gender?
Examining the Landscape: Past, Present and Future**

Andrea Williams

S18-23-24

09:40
11:40

Pathways

I HEAD

Free to Think: Challenging Monocultural Ideology

j. Dr. Amy Hamilton

PJ-23-24

Pastoral Community: Creating Space for Healing & Care

k. Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel

PK-23-24

Neo-Marxist Revolution and the History of the LGBT Movement. The Advice of an Old Soviet Spy

l. Bryan Shen

PL-23-24

Aetiological Framework at the Heart of Social Systemic Education: Turning the Tide of Misconception and Prejudice Against People with Non-Heterosexuality

II HANDS	Free to Help: Maintaining Professional Integrity	
	m. Dr. Szymon Grzelak A Hot Potato of Public Health. How to Include Homosexuality and Gender Dysphoria Issues in Prevention of Youth Risk Behavior and Youth Problems	PM-23-24
	n. Prof. Carolyn Pela More than One Way: Counseling Models Applications	PN-23-24
	o. Dr. Floyd Godfrey Understanding Adolescent Pornography Addiction	PO-23-24

III HEART	Free to Pray: Integrating Biblical Truth	
	p. Alexis Lundh A Better Story	PP-23-24
	q. Rev'd. Tryphena Law Pek Leng A Struggling Pastor to Pastoring Strugglers	PQ-23-24
	r. Andrew Rodriguez How John Paul II's Theology of the Body Provides Support to Reintegrative Therapy	PR-23-24

11:40 Coffee Break

Available Online	Session 19	
	Unsung Heroes: Lessons Learned from Working with People with SSA Shlomo Jessel	S19-23-24

12:10	Session 20	
	Our Body Tells a Better Alexis Lundh	S20-23-24

12:50	Session 21	
	Rising Above the Tide: What Can We Do? Dr. Mike Davidson	S21-23-24

13:15 Lunch

Speakers' Profiles

AU Christopher Brohier



is a Barrister by profession. He is also the Director of Policy and Research of the Australian Christian Lobby, which is a grassroots movement of about 200,000+ Australians contending for Truth in the Public Square. He assists those who face sanctions because of promoting truth and is involved in advocating for righteousness in public policy and law.

UK Dr. Mike Davidson



worked as an Academic Staff and Student Developer at the Universities of Rhodes, (SA) Nottingham, Surrey and Ulster (UK). He is 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. He is Co-Director of X-Out-Loud and Chairman of the IFTCC.

CA Dr. Ann Gillies



spent over 25 years in private counselling practice working extensively with trauma survivors. Ann retired from practice in 2019 to focus on advocacy and political reform, for the traumatized; those struggling with unwanted sexual attractions and for the most vulnerable – our children. She is actively involved in current national debates around sexuality and gender in Canada and USA.

US Dr. Floyd Godfrey



worked as a Licensed Professional Counsellor for 23 years and was also both a Certified Sex Addiction Therapist and a Certified Clinical Sexologist. He is a founder of the Sexual Addiction & Betrayal Trauma (SABR) program, and 'Band of Brothers' for young men. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counsellors and recently published a book for young men struggling with sexualised attachments called 'Healing & Recovery.'

PL Dr. Szymon Grzelak



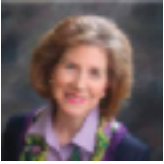
has a PhD in Psychology. He is the founder of the European Institute of Integrated Prevention. He is a researcher and practitioner with 30 years of experience in the prevention of youth sexual risk behaviour and other youth problems. He is also the author of the Integrated Prevention Model and of prevention programmes like the Archipelago of Treasures ®, the Star of Powers, and of over 20 expert reports for the Polish Parliament and Government.

US**Dr. Amy Hamilton**



has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Texas, Austin. She is an experienced Research Associate who has published significant scholarly and research-based articles around sexuality and Christian ethics. Her publications have been widely informative to practitioners and activists internationally.

US**Dr. Laura Haynes**



is a general board member and the USA Country Representative for the IFTCC. She is a retired Psychologist with over 40 years of experience. She served as an expert on sexuality and gender research for various professional organisations, members of Parliaments, legislators, UN delegates, and high-level government officials. She has also lobbied and testified in courts advocating for the protection of therapeutic choice.

IL**Shlomo Zalman Jessel**



holds a BSc degree in Psychology and an MA in Clinical-Developmental Psychology. He works remotely with individuals and families around the world. He also teaches and supervises therapists individually and in groups. He is a founding member of the Jerusalem Narrative Therapy Institute, Israel.

DE**Gabriele Kuby**



is a German Sociologist, book author and international speaker. She has published fifteen books, one of which ‘The Global Sexual Revolution – Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom (2012)’ has been translated into fifteen languages. She has also published articles in ‘First Things’, ‘The European Conservative’, ‘CATO’ and various German publications. Pope Benedict XVI called her “a brave warrior against ideologies that ultimately result in the destruction of man.”

MY**Rev'd. Tryphena Law Pek Leng**



is an ordained minister at Assemblies of God Malaysia and the Executive Director of PLUC Events - providing pastoral care and pastoral counselling for those struggling with gender issues. She is also a former educator. As a previous struggler, she has deep insight into gender identity - equipping her to help those struggling with homosexuality, having counselled them for 20 years. She strives to raise awareness and enlighten communities.

NO**Alexis Lundh**



leads HeltFri.net – part of the Norwegian media organisation ‘Faith and Media’, working extensively with teens and young adults in Scandinavia. He is best known for his work supporting those who have experienced addiction to pornography. He often goes to places of education to educate teenagers and young adults on the dangers of pornography, re-establishing a Godly self-image and identity in Christ, and a Godly view on sex and sexuality.

PL Agnieszka Marianowicz-Szczygiel



is a 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”. She was the screenwriter and co-director of the first Polish full-length documentary about sexuality education, “To nic takiego”.

MT Victor Novitchi



is a prominent ex-gay voice in Romania and beyond, now working for Core Issues Trust as a co-director of X-Out-Loud and film editor, social media speaker and blogger on sexuality, Christianity, and evangelism.

US Prof. Carolyn Pela



(PhD) is a 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 is employed as the dean of online and graduate studies and as a professor in the Masters in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Arizona Christian University. She also serves on the IFTCC Executive Board, aiding curriculum development and assessment.

US Andrew Rodriguez



is a licensed professional counsellor in Pennsylvania, USA. He is the owner of Integrity Christian Counselling and the campus counsellor at the University of Valley Forge. As a certified Reintegrative Therapist, he specializes in working with people struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction. He also discusses the intersection of psychology, theology, and sexuality on his YouTube channel, PsychoBible.

US Dr. Christopher Rosik



(PhD) is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Oregon with a doctorate in Clinical Psychology. A Psychologist and Director of Research at Link Care Centre, California. He was as a Clinical Faculty Member at Fresno Pacific University. Past President of the Western Region of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies and the ATCSI. He is a member of the APA, the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, and the National Association of Social Workers.

SG Bryan Shen



is a professional counsellor/supervisor based in Singapore. He also gives educational talks to conservative religious communities and leaders to remove misconceptions and prejudice against people with unwanted non-heterosexuality. This includes providing training to mental health professionals in Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam. He is the author of two books: ‘The Un-affirmed Core’, and ‘Re-Affirming the Core’. He is a General Board member of the IFTCC.

US Glenn T. Stanton



is the Director of Global Family Formation Studies at Focus on the Family. He debates and lectures extensively on the issues of gender, sexuality, marriage and parenting around the world. He is the author of nine books – his latest being “The Myth of the Dying Church: How Christianity is Actually Thriving in America and the World” and “Loving My (LGBT) Neighbor: Being Friends in Grace and Truth.”

US Prof. Paul Sullins



is a retired Professor of Sociology at The Catholic University of America, and currently Research Professor and Director of the Leo Initiative for Social Research at The Catholic University. He is also a Senior Research Associate of the Ruth Institute. He is a 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.

US Dr. med. Quentin Van Meter



is a board-certified Paediatric Endocrinologist in active private practice in Atlanta Georgia with 47 years of clinical experience. He is the Immediate Past President of the American College of Paediatricians. He advocates for avoiding any social, medical, or surgical interventions for children and adolescents with incongruent gender identity and opts instead for the necessary healing counselling that resolves their undercurrent emotional turmoil.

UK Andrea Williams



is a barrister, campaigner, and activist with a special concern for human rights in the context of freedom of speech, religious freedom, and freedom of conscience. She is the CEO of the Christian Legal Centre and Christian Concern – who have run some of the most high-profile Christian freedom cases and campaigns in Europe. She is a leading analyst, campaigner, and spokeswoman on issues of national importance - defending Christian rights, morals and values. She is a General Board member of the IFTCC.

US Pastor Ken Williams



former homosexual, is married and fathers 4 children. Ken is an associate pastor of a church in northern California, U.S.A, has authored several books, is an international speaker/minister, and is co-founder of CHANGED Movement. He is a General Board member of the IFTCC.

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.

The Content of the IFTCC Learning Platform

We refer to the presentations offered at the October 2023 Conference as the 2023-2024 Curriculum. New curricula from past events are also being added to the learning site: 2020-2021; 2021-2022; 2022-2023. Together with the 2023-2024 curriculum, this means there are more than 120 learning sessions available. Work has also begun

Accessing the 2023-2024 Curriculum

The October 2023 conference will have in excess of 37 sessions available – far more than can be attended or absorbed by any one individual. Because it will be impossible to attend all the sessions provided at the October 2023 conference, recordings of the sessions will be made available in the Learning platform by end of November 2023. Completion of the curriculum requires that the test questions are satisfactorily completed. The assessment questions will be uploaded at the time when the conference presentations are made public, in November 2023. When answering the questions, you may not be satisfied with your answers. If you are not satisfied, wish to change any answer, or have answered incorrectly, simply resubmit your test answers. Test dates and procedures have yet to be clarified.

Who Makes the Rules About Awards?

The IFTCC Education and Training Advisory Council, led by Professor Carolyn Pela and Dr Mike Davidson, will take advice from members serving on this Council, regarding the structure and content of future awards. The Programme Specifications Document will fully explain the IFTCC Recognised Provider Programme, the rules for engagement with the IFTCC curricula, complaints and grievances procedures and admission rules for the Learning platform. The Education and Training Advisory Council reports directly to the full board of the IFTCC Executive Council.

ANNOUNCING A NEW PROJECT...

