

HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF CONVERSATION ON COMMITTED SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS & LEADERSHIP POLICIES WITH SESSION 2022 - CURRENT

Sept 22, 2022

- Written and verbal report by Inclusion Committee expressing the committee is hearing growing questions about LGBTQ+ Inclusion

October (17th or 24th), 2023

- Inclusion Committee Presentation for Session. Committee requests clarity and transparency regarding policies. The policies are not easily found, and congregants wonder what the stance of Lake Grove is and if it is aligned with the larger PC(USA) denomination.
- Session asks Pastors Susan and Graig to begin working on bringing in outside help to hear the issue from Biblical understanding and multiple perspectives.

November 2024

- In the search for speakers, pastors receive wise insight from a potential presenter. Do not make this a two-sided issue where there are winners and losers. Seek understanding through storytelling and sharing experience. This potential speaker needs to pull out of their commitment to sharing with Lake Grove due to significant health issue.
- Session switches approach to hosting conversation within our body. New Session members ask to hear from Inclusion committee again.

Monday, December 9, 2024

- Zoom Meeting Presentation with representative of Inclusion Committee recapping Inclusion Report for new members of Session to hear (all Session members invited).

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- Session Workshop -Pastors Graig and Susan present their scriptural understanding, experience, and perspectives

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

- Amendment from GA for the BOO comes before Session. Hold special meeting to discuss amendments and potential updates of own policy. An initial effort to pull the language of Lake Grove's "Standards and Guidelines" and wedding "letter" (no same sex marriage on site) into alignment with the PC(USA) amendment occurs. Due to hesitancy in voting (abstentions) and missing members Session stops movement and asks for more time to reflect with one another about their understanding of same sex relationships and Scripture as well as their own experiences.

Saturday, June 14, 2025

- Session Workshop: Elders reflect with one another about their understanding of same sex relationships and Scripture as well as their own experiences.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

- Session convenes a task force for next steps in the Conversation re: Committed Same Sex Relationships & Leadership Policies

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

- Presbytery Executive Rev. Dr. Brian Craker shares presbytery wide experience regarding LGBTQ+ Conversations
- Task Force presents Next Steps for Session and Recommendations

Tuesday, Sept 23, 2025

- Task Force asked to present timeline for bringing Committed Same Sex Relationships & Leadership Policies Conversation to the congregation

Tuesday, Nov 18, 2025

- Task Force presents a draft timeline for bringing Committed Same Sex Relationships & Leadership Policies Conversation to the congregation