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Dear Ministry Partners,

A few weeks ago, we launched a series designed to provide you with resources to help you establish policies and practices around sexuality and gender. We invite you to [click here](#) to watch this video with Craig Burton as he continues the conversation about gender and biblical truth based on Article 6.4 of the PAOC Statement of Essential Truths (Article 5) and Positions and Practices (Article 6).

We need to be welcoming of all people on their faith journey, but we must also be clear about what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the request of the districts, we are releasing these sample documents to help you manage and serve people. We must be consistent in addressing issues related to sexual sin and in the application of biblical standards for all, especially those in leadership.

We invite you to [click here](#) to visit the Ministry Toolbox where you will find links to a collection of resources:

1. An application and lifestyle standards agreement for church membership
2. An agreement for volunteers, volunteer leaders and board members
3. Document describing the value of PAOC credentials for pastoral staff, and a lifestyle agreement to ensure doctrinal, moral, and ethical alignment for non-credentialed pastoral and other staff members.

We will continue to develop these resources in the New Year, and house them under the Tab entitled [6.4 – Biblical Sexuality](#), so they are ready and available to you, when you are ready to use them.

Suggested Action Step:

1. Review your governance documents and compare them to the offered templates. What gaps exist? How will you address those in your context?
2. Review your practices with consideration given to the suggested Leadership Management Model template offered. What gaps exist? How will you address those in your context?



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