

The following statement was unanimously agreed by the Kirk Session at our meeting of 8th November.

As Elders of the Kirk Session of Bo'ness Old Kirk we are united in our concern for the unity of the Church, the cause of the Gospel and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and as such it is the supreme rule of faith and life. Because of this belief we have found ourselves to be in disagreement with the decisions of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland with regard to same sex relationships and the ministry.

We have spent a great deal of time in prayerful discussion over this matter and while we still have much to do in this area we wish to highlight to following areas of agreement:

1. The decisions of the General Assembly of 2011 have caused a great deal of hurt and harm to the church.
2. We reaffirm the call of God to love all people, including those who are in active same sex relationships.
3. We will not tolerate homophobia
4. We will continue the Gospel work to call all people to repentance and faith.
5. We will seek the unity and the peace of the Church.

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