



## Social Issues Position Statement

As a Biblically based, Christian ministry, we believe that every person is uniquely created in the image of God and is valued and loved by Him (Gen 1:26-27, Psalm 139, John 3:16).

Questions of marriage, sexual orientation, and gender identity are being passionately debated in the public forum of our time. As such, Camp Li-Lo-Li provides this statement of our policy addressing these matters.

According to our understanding of the Bible as the inerrant Word of God for all time and all people and based on biblical evidence, we believe marriage to be defined by God as a union between a biological / chromosomal man and a biological / chromosomal woman (Gen 2:18-25).

We further believe that God created people as male and female, which is their gender according to their biological / chromosomal birth sexual identity (Gen 1:26-27).

Therefore, Camp Li-Lo-Li limits access to facilities, such as lodging, washrooms, and change-rooms, to persons according to their birth sexual identity. For example, access to the girls' / ladies' facilities is limited to biological / chromosomal females having female reproductive organs, while access to boys' / men's facilities is limited to biological / chromosomal males, having male reproductive organs.

Our policy is to refer to campers by the name or preferred name as included in their registration and by the pronouns according to their birth sexual identity as identified in their registration (i.e. Male - he / him, Female - she / her). This policy for using names and pronouns is in accordance with our Statement of Faith and aligns with the community of members we serve.

This position has been affirmed by the Corporation and Board of Camp Li-Lo-Li and will be consistently practiced and applied.

### **Camp Li-Lo-Li Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality.**

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the policies or practices of Camp Li-Lo-Li. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.)

We believe that a person's gender is defined by biological / chromosomal differences (Gen 1:26-27) and therefore cannot be redefined by subsequent perception of their self-identity. Where male or female biological / chromosomal gender is known at birth, we believe it to be immutable, notwithstanding alteration or modification of a person's body intended to reassign it to the opposite gender (Job 10:8-12).

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one biological / chromosomal man and one biological / chromosomal woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality as defined by Scripture, not contemporary society, including, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, cohabitation, and use of pornography is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Camp Li-Lo-Li as a Christian Ministry with evangelical mission, and to provide a Biblical role model to the Camp Li-Lo-Li employees, volunteer staff, campers, guest groups and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Camp Li-Lo-Li in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.)