

RESOLUTION 2021

The mission of the church of Jesus Christ consists in proclaiming the unchanging truth of God in a changing world. Recently, attempts to redefine the family and a person's sex have challenged the natural significance of the roles of men and women. Today's challenges present the church with the task of answering these questions. We, as the church of Jesus Christ, recognize the Bible as the word of God that is a higher authority in determining the role of men and women in the family and society than temporary statements of certain groups of people.

Based on the Bible, we believe that God created man in His own image. According to God's plan, every person is endowed with a male sex or a female sex. Life is a gift of God; therefore, to be a man or a woman is a gift of God from birth, not a choice of man in the process of life.

God established the family when he created people as a union of man and woman. The family is the basis of any society or state, so a departure from the traditional formulation of the family as the union of the husband and wife leads to the destructive processes of society and the country. Because of the birth of children in the family, humanity is spreading and continuing. Parenting is possible in a family where the husband (father) and the wife (mother) naturally give birth to or adopt and raise children. This form of family has been recognized as the norm for millennia in different cultures.

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