

Appendix 4

Study Group Terms of Reference, Membership, Meetings & Papers Produced

Terms of Reference

A study group to research and discuss the issue of personal morality of sexual relationships as seen from a spiritual viewpoint. Aspects of sexual relations to be covered should include adultery and could also include cohabitation, parenthood, boyfriend - girlfriend relationships, divorce and re-marriage. From its first meeting the group should work for a period of 18 months with further face to face meetings and e-mail communication between members. Over the first 12 months, the group should provide an initial discussion paper that should be referred back to the Ministers' Committee; following discussion, and over a further 6 month period, a final paper/report might then be prepared and published.

Study Group Membership

Mr Stephen Russell-Lacy - Convenor

Mrs Jennifer Jones

Rev Michael Stanley

Mrs Helen Laidlaw

Rev Esther Byrne (retired from Group after 1st meeting due to illness)

Meetings held

19/10/05

18/1/06

1/3/06

19/4/06

14/6/06

Papers produced

- Church Teenagers Survey Results By JJ
- Notes On Adultery By HL
- Personal Morality By MS
- Social Trends Relating to Sexual Activity Outside of Marriage by SRL
- Spirituality And Morality (With Specific Reference To Adultery) by MS
- The Two That Become One by MS