

TBMB STATEMENT REGARDING GUIDEPOST SOLUTIONS

I'm sure I share the concerns of countless other Southern Baptists regarding the tweet made yesterday by Guidepost Solutions affirming their pride in being an "ally to the LGBTQ+ community."

I firmly believe those who identify with the LGBTQ+ community have value and worth, especially to our Lord. However, that is a completely separate thought from hiring a firm to investigate the issue of sexual abuse. I do not believe the Southern Baptist Convention should be connected in any fiduciary way to any organization that is consulting with us on such an important topic yet does not share our biblical perspective of human sexuality.

I believe the substance of the Sexual Abuse Task Force report does identify an extremely important issue that needs to be addressed and corrected. We should – and will – do all we can to eradicate sexual abuse from our convention and make our churches as safe as possible for everyone while caring well for sexual abuse survivors.

However, Guidepost Solutions' recently tweeted value statement on human sexuality is in sharp contrast to the Bible's family and marriage values and our confessional statements summarized by the Baptist Faith and Message. Amos 3:3 asks, "Can two walk together unless they agree?" Given the disparity of conviction on the issue of human sexuality, I don't believe in this situation we can, or should walk together. Guidepost Solutions' statement undermines my confidence in the future relationship between any SBC entity and Guidepost Solutions.

Therefore, I respectfully ask all SBC entities receiving Cooperative Program funding to immediately break ties with Guidepost Solutions.



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