

**European Baptist Federation Council**  
**Mondo Migliore, Rome, Italy**  
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The European Baptist Federation Council:

**Rejoices** in the mutually loving and selfless relationship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the demonstration of this through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Gives thanks** to God for creating man and woman in his image and seeks to follow the witness and teaching of scripture for any expression of human sexuality.

**Urges** Baptists to model, value and teach that marriage is the creational and biblical setting of any sexual relationship between a man and a woman, as expressed in **Genesis 2:24**

**Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife,  
and they become one flesh.**

**Shares** in the brokenness of human relationships and acknowledges the pain and difficulties this brokenness causes for people in our churches and society.

**Affirms** our responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed with all people irrespective of their way of life or convictions.

**Recognises** the need to encourage, support and pray for married people, offering pastoral and spiritual care for the strengthening of healthy and vibrant Christian communities in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.