

## **Sexual Misconduct Within Ministerial Relationships**

1 Peter 1:22— Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

1. Resolution #2044 is being updated to assist in providing means for the church to live into the vision of persons being treated equally as created in the image of God.
2. Identifying and setting appropriate boundaries can help ministerial leaders, both lay and clergy; this resolution provides assistance with that process.
3. Within the resolution, definitions are codified for sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment.
4. The resolution provides direction for the Interagency Sexual Ethics Task Force as mandated by the *Discipline* ¶2103.11.
5. This resolution delineates our dynamics of relationships between ministerial and non-ministerial persons including dating (sexual misconduct is not an affair).