



# Proposed Bi-law Change 1a

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18.Marriage.

a. We believe that marriage is a sacred institution ordained of God in the time of man's innocence and that it is the mutual union of one biologically born man and one biologically born women and morally binding so long as both shall live, and that therefore it cannot be dissolved by a decree of a civil tribunal, except on evidence that one party is guilty of adultery. (Matt. 5:31, 32; Matt. 19:4-9.)

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139. One of our qualifications of future ministerial *or missionary* candidates shall be total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco in any form. If a candidate, after being licensed or ordained, begins the use of either of the above named, his *or her* license or ordination shall be revoked and the respective certificate returned to the issuing Council.

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