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To the body of East Hills Community Church,

Hello friends. For years our denomination has discussed the issues surrounding human sexuality and marriage without ever taking a stand. In the meantime, our culture continues to wander away from the truth of Biblical values, especially as it relates to this topic. To this end we felt it was time to address the issue formally.

The leadership of East Hills - the Pastors and the Consistory have met with two results. First, it is time to leave the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and get back to talking and discussing the Gospel, mission, and ministry. This decision would require a vote of our membership.

Secondly, through discussion, prayer and Biblical exegesis, East Hills Community Church (in Riverside, CA) has accepted the "*Nashville Statement (A coalition for Biblical sexuality)*" as their official position regarding human sexuality and marriage. We join with the Initial Signatories in declaring that God's Word is the standard and final authority of all things.

Along with the Nashville Statement, an addendum was written by the Pastors and Consistory. The addendum is to bring clarity to each of the articles of the Nashville Statement. It does not change the articles in the statement; but only serves to bring clarity to those members and attenders of East Hills Community Church.

We are making both documents available to you for your knowledge and clarity.

An all-church meeting has been called to take place on Sunday, March 6 immediately after church. This will be a time to address any questions you might have about the Nashville Statement, present a plan to move forward without being a part of the RCA, and a vote on taking such an action. While all attenders of EHCC are allowed to come, only those who are members will vote.

We remain committed to living Biblically and following God in all we do. Pray for us as we seek to make decisions that allow us to do just that.

Thank for your time and prayers,



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