Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies

PRESS RELEASE

Same – Sex Marriage.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies wishes to add its voice to the increasing debate on the LBGT rights, and more specifically the legalizing of same-sex marriage by all 50 states of the U.S.

We at PAWI firmly believe that this recent ruling by the United States Supreme Court, or for that matter any ruling legalizing same sex marriage, does not and cannot alter or replace the infallible word of God. The Bible recognizes marriage as a holy union between a man and a woman only, and any move to impose a law endorsing same-sex marriage upon a nation, is a move to endanger the belief of the church and violate the law of God.

Our position as an organization is that we profoundly condemn same-sex marriage, as it diametrically opposes the word of God. We believe that same-sex marriage is against the Divine plan for marriage and its purpose for procreation. Our organization promotes the family unit as a fundamental institution, where a mother and father, nurture children, instil faith, and inculcate moral strengths and spiritual values. Thus, legalization of same sex marriage will destabilize the family unit and result in harmful consequences for the society at large.

We wish to make it clear that our opposition to same-sex marriage is in no way reflective of any kind of resent or hatred for persons who support this ideology, as this will be in stark contradiction to the very word of God which we uphold as the supreme authority governing our lives. Rather, we continue to affirm our belief in love and respect for all humanity.

PAWI stands in solidarity with all those who are courageous enough to oppose samesex marriage within and outside the church. As an organization, we commit ourselves to continually teach and endorse marriage between a man and a woman without compromise, as a central principle of our doctrine and practice.

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