

Abstracts

LGBT is not a new phenomenon but a reality in the community. History of Indonesia and East Java especially has proved that their presence and behaviour were naturally accepted by the society in the past. The community acceptance changed when modern religion was introduced to society. Likewise, when Christianity was introduced, traditional ways of thinking that were open to accepting the diversity of indigenous gender identity and sexual orientation were replaced by –what is so called–as modern and rational thought which is based on patriarchal and heteronormative culture.

The gender orientation and expression of the LGBT group is deemed not to meet the normal standards set by the people who live in the midst of patriarchy and heteronormative. This pandemic of hatred is subsequently perpetuated through discriminatory laws, mass media propaganda and indoctrination of religion which is impartial and sensitive to LGBT groups.

GKJW as a local church feels the need to be involved in this situation. The Church is established based on its vision and mission to be God's partners who are involved in presenting the Kingdom of God. GKJW began strategically planning an advocacy program to build awareness through operative projects about the need to create community in the family, church and community. To realize it, GKJW faces challenges. Those challenges came in the form of various views about LGBT, especially the rejection of LGBT people supported by Bible verses.

The writer propose the new way to see reality of LGBT, to have new way to carry out its mission which no longer to bring unbelieving souls, but to restore the image of God to every human who experiences injustice. As a God's community, create the concept of the '*golek sedulur*' church, which develops a friendly, just, and open theology. The new way of doing theology which respect the root from which church originates as important as the gospel which is accepted as God's revelation. Then the way of believing in a Christian is contextual.