



# PURE HEART MINISTRIES

*Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the name of the Lord from a PURE HEART. 2 Timothy 2:22*

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Pure Heart Ministries is sad to announce that after 10 years of full-time ministry (since 2002,) it has withdrawn its membership from the Exodus International network this past May. Pure Heart Ministries will continue to function independently of Exodus International, and will continue with its same mission, services, and calling to offer HOPE for those dealing with various sexual purity issues (including but not limited to homosexuality,) to those interested in pursuing sexual and relational wholeness in Christ, for those in the greater Saint Louis Bi-State region and beyond.

Pure Heart Ministries has always and will continue to function as an inter-denominational organization, respecting denominational and doctrinal differences within the Body of Christ. Our local ministry board of directors is comprised of individuals from several differing denominational and doctrinal views and perspectives.

Pure Heart Ministries has NOT changed its stance on homosexuality. We will continue to offer our message of HOPE for the homosexual with our message that "Change is Possible" through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the last year, the leadership of Pure Heart Ministries has become increasingly aware of some changes in Exodus' ideology and leadership that have resulted in us feeling that we are unable to continue as an Exodus Member ministry while maintaining Biblical integrity and a clear conscience before God. We remain dedicated to proclaiming Biblical truth in all sexual and relational matters, and to providing a safe place for those struggling with unwanted same-sex attractions to find healing and freedom in Christ and to be empowered to "go and sin no more." Pray for us as we seek to remain connected with other Biblically-sound ministries and to maintain and even increase our influence to the Church and culture.

There have been several other ministries who have also left Exodus for the same reasons. Together we will be forming a new alliance of like-minded ministries called the "Restored Hope Network."

Several sources which provide a prophetic and scholarly perspective of our decision:

- [Time for a Change of Leadership at Exodus?](#) by Robert A. J. Gagnon, Ph.D.
- [Initial DSM Response to Exodus](#) by Andrew Comiskey (PDF)
- [Exodus: Letting Go, Hope Rising](#) by Andrew Comiskey (Blog)
- [Being a "Simple-Minded Jesus Lover" Is No Excuse for Really Bad Theology. Alan Chambers dodges the real issue at hand and inadvertently plays the role of judge.](#) by Robert A. J. Gagnon, Ph.D.
- [The Gospel of False Assurance, and More Evidence of the Slippery Slope](#) by Dr. Michael Brown on [Line of Fire](#) (Audio)

If you have questions or would like more information about this you are welcome to contact me directly.

In His love and service,

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