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### Ko e Fakamauaga he TagataTaane mo e Tagata Taane / Fifine mo e Fifine

Ke he haaku tau lafu ia Keriso,

Ne fakatutala ai ke he Fono Motu (National Assembly) he Uniting Church e matakupu ke he fakafetuiaga (relationship) mo e Fakamauaga (Marriage) he tagata taane mo e tagata taane / fifine mo e fifine.

Kua teitei 30 e tau tau ainei he fakatutala e matakupu nei ti nākai mukamuka, nākai mukamuka foki ke he tokologa he tau tutaki he Lotu.

Ne fakakite manatu ai e tau hukui fono he Fono Motu ke 15 aki, ke he loga mo e laulahi e tau uho manatu mo e tau taofiaga malōlō, mai ia he tau fakavēaga faka-Atua mo e tau agafakamotu. Ne fetufatufaaki foki e tau tutaki fono ke talia po ke nākai talia ke he loga he tau matakupu pulega. Lahi haaku a fiafia ke he mahani he fonoaga, ha kua lilifu mo e muitua ke he agaaga Kerisiano mo e mahani feofanaki, ko e taha ke he taha.

Kua lahi ni e fakaalofa noa he Atua...a ti hanai kua moua e fakahikuaga ke halavaka aki e Ekalesia ainei mo e anoiha.

Ke mailoga mo e fakalilifu aki e loga mo e kehekehe he tau taofiaga fakakerisiano i loto he fonoaga, kua fakamau ai pehē, ke talia ua e talahauaga, kehekehe ka e tatau e malōlō, hagaao ia ke he Fakamauaga (Marriage).

Kua ha ha i ai e atāina ke he Akoako (Minister) po ke Ofisa Fakamau (Celebrant) ke fakamau, po ke nākai fakamau, e tagata taane mo e tagata taane/ fifine mo e fifine.

To fakatūmau ni e fakavēaga fakamua ne pehē, ***"Ko e Fakamauaga Kerisiano ko e tokanoaaga kua talia mo e fakamooli ki mua he fakapotopotoaga pihia ki mua he Atua, he tagata taane mo e fifine, ke fakalataha a to fakaoti ke he mate."***

To lalafi foki e fakavēaga foou kua talia he Fonoaga nei.

Kua pehē mai e fakavēaga ia, ***"Ko e Fakamauaga Kerisiano ko e tokanoaaga kua talia mo e fakamooli ki mua he fakapotopotoaga pihia ki mua he Atua e "na tagata" ke nonofo fakalataha a to fakaoti ke he mate."***

Ko e kakano he talahauaga nei, kua maeke tuai he ha Akoako po ke Ofisa Fakamau, ka hake mai he fatuakiloto mitaki mo e kua manako ke taute e Fakamauaga he tagata taane mo e tagata taane / fifine mo e fifine, ke eke tuga mo e manatu kua talia ke he loto.

To nākai fai fakahala ke he tau Akoako po ke tau Ofisa Fakamau, kaeke kua hake mai he loto e manatu ke nākai fakamau e tagata taane mo e tagata taane / fifine mo e fifine.

Kua atāina a lautolu ia ke fakatūmau mo e fakaako e tonu he Fakamauaga Kerisiano he tagata taane mo e fifine.

Kua manako au, ke mailoga e tau gahua mo e tau fakauka ha lautolu ko e LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning) i loto he UCA, ke he loga he tau tau. Iloa e au e mamahi mo e nākai mukamuka he fakatutalaaga nei ke he ha mutolu a tau logonaaga.

Kua mailoga foki e au a mutolu ne nākai o moi e matakupu foou nei - mo e ha mutolu a mamahi mo e nākai fiafia ha ko e fifiliaga.

Tuku atu haaku a tau liogi, kia foaki atu he Atua e tau loto mafanatia katoa mo e malōlō foou ma mutolu.

Manatu au ke fakamafana atu ke he tau tutaki oti he UCA e tonuhia ha mutolu ke maitua ke he ha mutolu a taofiaga fakatagata hagai ia ke he Fakamauaga - to puipui mo e fakalilifu ha mutolu a tau tonuhia.

Kua ha hā i ai e tonuhia he tau Komiti Fakatonu (Church Councils) takitaha ke talia, po ke nākai talia, e ha Fakamauaga ki loto he tau Kaina Lotu.

Kia ha hā ia mutolu oti kana e fakaalofa noa mo e mafola; ki luga ia tautolu oti kua fakamooli e fakaalofa homo ueatu he Atua, mo e mafola fakatokanoa ha Keriso, pihia mo e gahuahuaaga fulufuluola he Agaaga Tapu ki loto ha talu Ekalesia fakahele.

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