

GROUP PRESENTATION

Names of Group Members

1. Priscilla Tong
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3. David Kim
4. Jennifer Skeete
5. Ana Nunez

My participation in the group entailed developed the part of the presentation that discusses the Legal Structure of the Presbyterian Church of gr how PC (USA) polity parallels USA policy regarding LGBTQ issues. My PowerPoint presentation highlighted the development of LGBTQ policy in the United States of America. The PowerPoint presentation discussed how homosexuality was depathologized by in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual on Mental Health Disorders. My part of the presentation also addressed how PC (USA) appeared to coordinate their policy in the Marriage Equality Act which passed in the United States of America in 2015. Adherence to current 2020 LGBTQ policy in private and public sector organizations was also addressed. The part of the presentation I worked on also conducted a comparative analysis of how the linguistic style of the Book of Order, which entails PC (USA) polity skillfully used more inclusive language regarding the covenant of marriage and civil unions. The PowerPoint concludes by discussing the impact of the ratification of an amendment allowing same sex unions on March 17, 2015.

I perceive myself as an equal participant in the group. My ideas and point of view were reflected in the group presentation. I brought the psychological and legal aspect LGBTQ Organizational policy. My role in the group was to include how conservative evangelicals must navigate through LGBTQ policy in religious organizations such as PC (USA) as well as in secular organizations. I feel as though my contribution brought a perspective that contributed to the overall theme of the group.

The most significant learning moment from my group experience was the honest critiques of my group members. Their critiques helped me remain focused on the thesis statement and the overall theme of our group presentation. The strength of our group was the ability of all group members who to accept constructive criticism. It has been a tremendous learning experience and it has strengthened my resolve regarding team work.

The most challenging aspect of working in the group was developing the group presentation as a collective project with one theme. In other words, we worked diligently towards projecting our individual ideas as one thought. I think I became more skilled in the art of compromise for the collective good. The most wonderful aspect of our group experience was the jubilation we all felt with the finished product. We all mutually agreed on a cliché to describe our experience which is “You Rock.” It was sometimes challenging but mostly rewarding to see my fellow group members and I achieve all goal of a collective group project in the unity of the “Holy Spirit.” We achieved the goal of Ephesians 4:1-6. We achieved the unity of the “Holy Spirit.” We learned there is one body and one spirit. My experience in the

group emphasized the importance of the working towards the Spirit of unity. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. I am very proud of the fact through much group consultation and struggle, we came to together on one according to the unity of the "Holy Spirit." The importance of this experience regarding ecclesiastical and missiological implications is learning how to bring different views in the Body of Christ together on one accord. I think I how learned how to work towards and achieve unity in the Church without compromising Christian orthodoxy.