

Abstract

This thesis is titled: Differences in approach in the pastoral care of people with homosexuality between therapists Debra Hirsch, Mark A Yarhouse and other selected Czech authors.

Homosexuality is an age-old phenomenon that is widespread and widely discussed in today's society. In the church environment, homosexuality is considered a problematic phenomenon and different views and approach occur towards people with homosexuality. Sometimes these discussions are of a very explosive nature on church ground, as they touch traditional values in the view of God-created man and in the view of the authority of the Bible. Believers often experience an internal conflict between their homosexual and religious perceptions.

Workers involved in the pastoral ministry for others should be able to reflect well on this phenomenon of homosexuality in the society and in the Church, and be able to help people who experience conflict associated to their sexual orientation. The authors mentioned above are known in the Czech church environment and the pastoral ministry, which certainly does not have enough experts in the field of care for people with homosexuality. With these selected authors, I am mainly interested in their concept of homosexuality in the lives of people, and their approach towards people with homosexuality.

I am also dealing with the definition of homosexuality as a phenomenon in the lives of people, theological attitudes towards homosexuality, and approaches towards people with homosexuality in solving this phenomenon in their lives. At the same time, I am trying to reflect on the friction areas of these authors, as well as the unifying outlets, in order to simplify orientation in this issue.

By this I would like to contribute to the simplification and at the same time enrichment of the discussion about people with homosexual tendencies in the Czech environment of pastoral assistance to these people.

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