LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

You may have seen me on my scooter in the last day or two. My body is doing this wild work: the work of healing. I’m thinking more these days about the intentional effort it takes for any body to maintain and grow. It’s not unlike the holy magic on display last night as For Everyone Born opened with worship, Bible study, and a reception.

This body of Christ is hurting, but in it is a deep will to thrive precisely by addressing where it hurts. Rev. Sean Delmore did the holy work of seeing its wounds, naming its wounders, and soothing the wounded. Then, Rev. Tonya Parker and Rev. Dr. Tyler Schwaller conditioned the body of Christ with a Bible study. This weekend, we are participating in the intentional effort of healing, conditioning, and resistance training. There’s a world in here and out there in need of the whole body of Christ.

Ophelia Hu Kinney

DO YOU USE SNAPCHAT?

One of our volunteers took the initiative to make a Snapchat Geofilter! To use a Geofilter, add a photo/video to your Story and select the drop-down “Add to My Story.” Add to the For Everyone Born Story. Thanks, Sarah C.!

@RobinRidenour and I are leaving #YHZ for #STL and #ForEveryoneBorn See you all soon!

10:09 AM · 26 Jul 18 from Halifax, Nova Scotia

SECURITY NOTE FROM HELEN RYDE

One of the things I know as a queer person is that the significance of naming who I am has been so important. Living authentically and honestly is really important to me. As a white person, I want to name a reality about what is in this Convocation right now that is also critically important in order for us to live honestly as a Coalition — particularly in this space in St. Louis, Missouri, seven miles from Ferguson.

There’s a police presence in this room, and there are some complex reasons for that, including the reality that some among us have had to ask for security: they’ve received threats because of who they are — queer in a homophobic church. The idea behind a police presence is safety.

As a white person on the team welcoming you here, I want to acknowledge that police presence isn’t always safe for some people — particularly people who are not white. I’m asking you, with me, to hold the tensions of this reality and to commit together to naming the ways in which white supremacy continues to do harm.

Austen Hartke will be available for book-signing during lunch, and Suzanne DeWitt-Hall will be available for book-signing during dinner. Book signings will be in the exhibit hall.

CHOIR & MOVEMENT CHOIR PRACTICE will take place in the Grand Ballroom today 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

Did you like the “Do Not Rashly Tear Asunder” t-shirts? You can have one for a suggested $20 donation.

Additionally, you can don a PRN stole for a suggested $10 donation. Wear yours to GC2019 in solidarity with LGBTQ United Methodists.

If you have an update, photo, or insight you’d like included in the next day’s edition of The Table Runner, please send it in an email to newsletter@foreveryoneborn.org.

Submissions must be received by 6:00PM to be considered for the next day’s newsletter. Editors retain the right to edit submissions.
**WHO IS THE BLACK TULIP CHORALE?**

Black Tulip Chorale is St. Louis’ new and only LGBTQIA-friendly mixed-voice ensemble welcoming all genders and orientations. In its inaugural season, the Black Tulip Chorale is promoting social consciousness through the finest in choral repertoire.

The Black Tulip Chorale will be performing tonight during the opening of the worship session (7:15 PM). Don’t be late - you won’t want to miss it!

**INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUPS**

At 11:15 AM on Friday, we are going to offer informal discussion group opportunities. Groups will meet in the following rooms:

**General Conference 2019 Presence and Hospitality**
Facilitator: Helen Ryde
Room: Poplar

**Uniting Methodists: Next Steps**
Facilitator: Rachael Baughman
Room: Blanchette II

**Having Conversations in Your Local Church**
Facilitator: Ben Roe
Room: Discovery

**What Local Churches and RUMs Can Be Doing Now to Prepare**
Facilitator: Frank Wulf
Room: Lambert

**Options for Post-General Conference 2019 with the Primary Outcomes**
Facilitator: Vicki Woods
Room: Boone

**Building Connections with Central Conference Churches**
Facilitator: Richard Bentley
Room: St. Charles

**WORKSHOPS**

Please check the book carefully tomorrow as you’re discerning the workshops you’d like to attend. We have almost 30 great offerings, some of which are repeated sessions. **Note:** by indicating interest in a workshop last month, you did not obligate yourself to attend that session! You can choose anew today.

**FRIDAY LUNCH-TIME GATHERINGS**

The following groups will eat at a designated table in the Gateway Ballroom. Look for the signs:

- **Northern Illinois Conference**
  Contact: B.J. Birkahkn-Rommelfanger

- **West Ohio Conference**
  Contact: James Waugh

- **United Methodists of Color (UMOC)**
  Contact: Gheeta Smith

- **Western Methodist Justice Movement (in Salon A)**
  Contact: Frank Wulf

**PARENTS RECONCILING NETWORK AWARD RECIPIENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED 7:25 PM TODAY**

**WIFI BTW**

When in meeting rooms, use “**HILTON MEETING**” (code: 500)
When in the lobby area, use “**HHONORS LOBBY**”

For everyone born would like to acknowledge the generosity of Epicenter. Thank you!