

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

THE TABLE RUNNER

Official Newsletter of For Everyone Born

GET READY TO *create*

Are you feeling creative? Inspired? **Bold?** If so, take some time today to think about a story you'd like to share tomorrow at one of these two opportunities. Our stories change hearts, and changed hearts change the Church and world.

1. WRITE A LETTER TO A BISHOP

Come to the exhibition hall and **hand-write a letter telling your story.** We'll provide paper, sample letters, and postage. Or, if you want to think on it, come by to pick up a template to take back to your church and write.

2. MAKE A VIDEO

LINC is building a **new** storytelling website, and we need you to come tell your story in a 2-3 min. video. Come to the St. Charles Room between 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM to share your responses to the following questions:

1. What is your hope or vision of the future of The UMC?
2. Why are you still in The UMC?
3. What personal story do you want people to hear about LGBTQ people in the church?

"It's not just about rules; it's about **hearts and minds.**"

- DAVE NUCKOLS



"An **icon** focuses your attention through a gateway to God. An **idol** focuses your attention on itself. Which is the Bible for you?"

- SUZANNE DEWITT-HALL



"There's no promise that we won't be wounded by this process, but some things are worth fighting for. But our **hope** is in the risen Christ, who died and got up again."

- REV. BRIAN ADKINS



"The Gospel is counting on us. LGBTQ kids around the world are counting on us to **unchain the Gospel.**"

- REV. DAVID MEREDITH



"Harriet Tubman prayed all the time — but she also couldn't wait. In liberation there is **responsibility for our neighbors.**"

- REV. TONYA PARKER



Tweet, Facebook, and Instagram your experiences here to catalog this pivotal moment and to share updates with those at home. Include the hashtag #ForEveryoneBorn in your posts!



Please remember to **wear your name badge** at all times. This will help us ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.



If you're **speaking at the banquet celebration**, you must be at the Grand Ballroom at **6:00 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.

CHOIR & MOVEMENT CHOIR PRACTICE will take place in the Grand Ballroom TODAY 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Senior Pastor of Foundry UMC (author of *Sacred Resistance*), Suzanne DeWitt-Hall (author of *Where True Love Is* and *Transfigured*) and **Bishop Karen Oliveto** of the Mountain Sky Area (author of *Our Strangely Warmed Hearts* and *Together at the Table*) will do **book signings today 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** in the Exhibit Hall.

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.

SATURDAY JURISDICTION MEETINGS

Gather with friends and neighbors from your jurisdiction and spend time together with your RMN Regional Organizer.

Northeastern.....Boone Room.....Jami & Diana Breedlove-Crouch
North Central.....Discovery Room.....Alex Shanks
Southeastern.....Lambert Room.....Helen Ryde
South Central.....Poplar Room.....Laura Young
Western.....Blanchette II Room.....Izzy Alvaran

A VISUAL HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT

Keith Spare, a founding member of Affirmation, has created an informative slide show on the Early History of LGBTQ Movements in The UMC. You can view Keith's work on the RMN Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/RMNvideos.

**RMN AWARD RECIPIENTS
TO BE ANNOUNCED
9:45 AM TODAY**

Saturday Lunch-Time Gatherings

The following groups will eat at a designated table in the Gateway Ballroom:

Partners of Queer Clergy

Contact: Drew Konow

Reconciling Clergy (Salon A)

Contact: Jan Lawrence

HOW TO HELP FUND THE PATH TO GC2019

It may be confusing to know where to direct your investment when there are so many organizations supporting LGBTQ justice efforts at the 2019 General Conference. To that end, here is an alphabetical list of ways in which you can support the movement through the organizations involved in planning For Everyone Born. While each organization conducts individual fundraising to support its specific mission, LGBTQ justice at General Conference is a common objective. Our organizations are not in competition with each other in this pursuit.

Affirmation:

Send a check to P.O. Box 1021, Evanston, IL 60204 or make an online donation at...
<http://www.umaffirm.org/site/index.php/about-us/6-support-affirmation.html>

Methodists in New Directions:

Make an online donation at <http://www.mindny.org/>

Love Your Neighbor Coalition (LYNC):

Send a check to MFSA, 23 East Adams Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 or make an online donation at...
<https://mfsaweb.salsalabs.org/loveyourneighborcoalition/index.html>

(LYNC General Conference expenses include strategizing for 2019 and securing event space for 2020 in Minneapolis.)

Reconciling Ministries Network:

Send a check to 123 W. Madison St. Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60602 or make an online donation at...
<https://rmnnetwork.org/donate-2/>

RMN General Conference expenses include delegate outreach and collaboratively building collective impact.

United Methodist Queer Clergy Caucus (UMQCC)

Send a check to MFSA, 23 East Adams Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 or make an online donation at...
<https://www.umqcc.org/support-us/>

Western Methodist Justice Movement (WMJM)

Send a check to MFSA, 23 East Adams Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 or make an online donation at...
<https://wmjm.org/web/donate>

Fulfilling our vision of hospitality, presence, and witness in St. Louis and Minneapolis requires the support of all of us in the Reconciling movement.

LET'S SEE YOUR PHOTOS!

Have you noticed the **photo backdrop** at the end of the exhibit hall with #ForEveryoneBorn printed on it? Let's see some photos of you with new friends, with old friends, or by your fabulous self! Make sure to tag #ForEveryoneBorn if you post them on social media.