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THE TABLE RUNNER

Official Newsletter of For Everyone Born

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS!

The Voice in the Wilderness Award is given for taking risks, despite isolation in a wilderness, to proclaim the rightness of inclusion for all people in the church, and for standing against injustice despite the lack of support.

Voice in the Wilderness Award Winner
BISHOP KAREN OLIVETO

Voice in the Wilderness Award Winner
ROBIN RIDENOUR

The Cup of Justice Award is given for taking bold action to bring about systemic change where injustice, oppression, and exclusion exist.

Cup of Justice Award Winner
UNITED METHODIST QUEER CLERGY CAUCUS (UMQCC)



"The people in the pews are in a different place than our polity. That's where the hope lies. **Our churches** have provided us a way forward."
- BISHOP KAREN OLIVETO



"I need to make sure that I am not just free, but that **all my people are free**. We must tell the truth for all of our sakes."
- REV. DR. TYLER SCHWALLER



RECONCILING YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS SPEAK

Yesterday, eight youth and young adults from St. Louis and previous Convocations video-chatted about the state of the Church. Here's what they want us to know:

- We want you to have your hope restored and to know that we can still do something to move the Church forward.
- Young people are aware of what's going on, and it matters what you do and don't do. We are watching, and your actions affect us.



- Our generation is struggling to convince people that Christians are good people.
- We don't want the Church to split.
- We should prioritize doing what is right over what has been done.
- How about a gathering for youth and young-adult RUMs? We're ready to have a voice of our own.

Hotel check-out is at 12:00 PM! You can bring your luggage to the **Lindbergh Room** to keep safe until the end of Convocation.

If your registration included breakfast, please take your breakfast ticket with you to breakfast at the Gateway Ballroom.

Tweet, Facebook, Instagram, and Snap 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.



Lunch is available for those who registered for the post-Convocation **LYNC Leadership Meeting**.

Did you like the "Do Not Rashly Tear Asunder" **t-shirts**? You can have one for a suggested **\$12** donation. Additionally, you can don a **PRN stole** for a suggested **\$10** donation. Wear yours to GC2019 in solidarity with LGBTQ United Methodists. Get both at the RMN table.

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 our common objective.

Affirmation:

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



Love Your Neighbor Coalition (LYNC):

Send a check to MFSA, 23 East Adams Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226 with a memo "LYNC" 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.)

Methodists Federation for Social Action (MFSA):

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



Methodists in New Directions (MIND):

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

Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN):

Send a check to 123 W. Madison St. Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60602 or make an online donation:
<https://rmnetwork.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 with a memo "UMQCC" or make an online donation at <https://www.umqcc.org/support-us/>



Western Methodist Justice Movement (WMJM):

Send a check to 817 W. 34th St. Los Angeles, CA with a memo "WMJM" Or make an online donation at <https://wmjm.org/web/donate>

WANT TO SEE MORE PHOTOS?

Did you like the photos in The Table Runner this week? You can find more photos of Convocation by Jim Quinn by going to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jimquinn/albums> and clicking on "For Everyone Born Convo." Thanks, Jim, for the gift of your photos!

A THANK-YOU FOR CHILDCARE

Thank you to Nicki Reinhardt-Swierk for leading the children's program this weekend and ensuring that the children among us have a good time, too!

"There are some questions you can't leave unanswered, and there's some business you can't leave unfinished. So, it's time for the Church to pick up the pen and **write another chapter.**"

- REV. STARKY WILSON

BENEDICTION

Because, as Rev. Starsky Wilson reminded us, there is some business that cannot be left unfinished, and there are some questions that cannot be unanswered, go forth from here assured of a God who made and loves you and of a community that stands beside you. "It's time to write the next chapter." Therefore, may we be strengthened - ready - to let the Spirit flow through us for the good of The United Methodist Church and the world it serves in and after General Conference 2019.

FOR EVERYONE BORN WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROSITY OF EPICENTER. THANK YOU!