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Reconciling Ministries Network Issues Call to Intersectional & Grassroots-Led LGBTQ Justice - *Rooted & Rising Heralds Direction for Movement's Next Season*

CHICAGO, IL - In this time between the delayed and rescheduled General Conference, Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) has announced a comprehensive campaign for the next season of the Reconciling movement. *Rooted & Rising* refocuses the organization's efforts on its grassroots organizing with a deep commitment to intersectional LGBTQ justice. The campaign calls the Reconciling movement to be the Church, no matter what the denomination decides when the General Conference meets. The launch of the campaign will last from September 14 to September 18, 2020, and the campaign will continue through 2021.

Rooted & Rising calls upon over 40,000 Reconciling United Methodists and over 1,300 Reconciling Churches and Communities around the world to more explicitly champion justice for *all* LGBTQ people in The UMC. It also discloses that RMN is undertaking an internal examination with an equity lens and that the Reconciling movement will now be able to engage and conduct outreach in new ways. Says RMN Executive Director Jan Lawrence, "RMN is ready to go deeper in our commitments and wider in our reach. The Reconciling movement has grown exponentially in the last year, and this is the right time for us to recommit to our roots and ask how we can have the most meaningful impact for LGBTQ people."

The campaign seeks to reach existing and new Reconciling United Methodists with new opportunities to increase the presence of Reconciling ministries around the world. Visit rmnetwork.org/rootedandrising for more information.

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Living into its shared baptismal covenant, Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) equips and mobilizes United Methodists to resist evil, injustice, and oppression as we seek justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. RMN envisions a renewed and vibrant Wesleyan movement that is biblically and theologically centered. As committed disciples of Jesus Christ, RMN strives to transform the world by living out the Gospel's teachings of grace, love, justice, and inclusion for all of God's children.

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