

OUR MISSION

Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) equips and mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

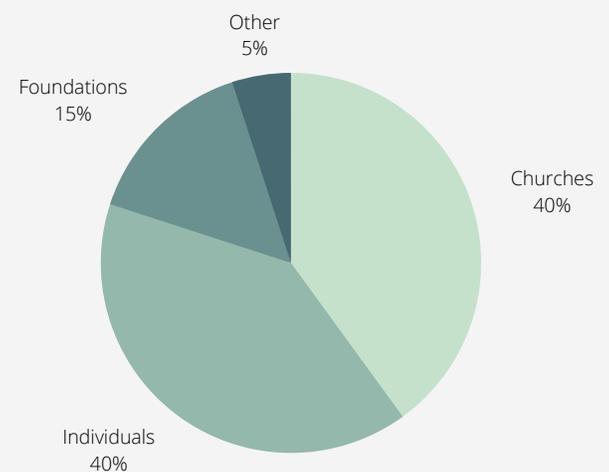


OUR HISTORY

The language of our mission comes from the United Methodist baptismal vow, and that's our charge. Since 1984, we've worked to advance justice and inclusion for all LGBTQ+ people in The United Methodist Church (UMC) and beyond. We do that through grassroots organizing, resourcing and educating, denomination-level change-making, pastoral care, and working with individuals hopeful for a reconciled Church.

Now, the Reconciling movement spans four continents, 43,000+ individuals, and 1,300+ Reconciling ministries: churches, communities, campus ministries, and colleges. And we're still growing. Love is still growing.

OUR SUPPORT



2021 FOCUS

RMN is simultaneously focused on the elimination of denomination-wide anti-LGBTQ+ policies in The United Methodist Church and on the creation of bold, LGBTQ+-affirming faith spaces around the world. However, with The UMC's global conference delayed by COVID-19, RMN has taken this opportunity to develop new resources for congregations and communities, host community-building virtual events, and equip movement members with inspiration and knowledge to extend LGBTQ+ affirmation.

This year, RMN has also challenged our ministries to seek a more intersectional approach to LGBTQ+ justice through consistent education efforts and a recommitment campaign.

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New Reconciling ministries since January 2021

New Reconciling ministries since February 2019, when The UMC voted to heighten discrimination against LGBTQ+ people

What we see now is a global Church's increased appetite for the bold, critical work of LGBTQ+ affirmation and an increased need for all that RMN provides. RMN is comprised of eight devoted staff members, but the needs of this rapidly growing movement outpace the capacity of our organization. Now, we seek to increase our capacity to more fully equip churches and communities to advocate for full LGBTQ+ justice and inclusion.

