

ReconcilingWorks

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LIVING DEEPER INTO WELCOME

For 37 years the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program strives to lead the way in the Lutheran church in welcome. Our church and society have seen changes in progress in inclusion, increased awareness, and challenges. ReconcilingWorks is committed to supporting and advocating for the wide and ever expanding diversity of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Innovation is always needed in our learning, growing, and actions towards justice. As a visual representation of our commitment to the expanding diversity of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions ReconcilingWorks is excited to launch our newly modified Reconciling in Christ (RIC) logo. The new logo incorporates the colors of the Transgender Pride Flag (light blue, white, and light pink) and brown and black hearts to represent the Black, Indigenous, People of Color who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community.

To access to the new RIC logo for RIC partner use please visit www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/ric/

NEW RESOURCE TO SUPPORT RURAL COMMUNITIES

Did you know there is an equal percentage of new RIC partners from more rural than urban communities in the past few years?

We know lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) people live in all areas of the country.

This resource is meant to help those living in rural areas who are LGBTQIA+ or who know and love LGBTQIA+ people in rural areas in being seen, named, and cared for.





LAUNCH OF FOUR NEW ONLINE TRAININGS

As ReconcilingWorks strives to innovate and adapt to meet the needs of our ministry partners during these ever-changing times, we hope these new resources will support you in the work ahead.

Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) training helps you design and implement a journey for your faith community to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

Lets Talk SOIGE. As we seek to deepen and expand the holy work of welcome, inclusion, and celebration of LGBTQIA+ people in the church and society, we can find ourselves asking, "What does LGBTQIA+ mean?" Together we will co-create a safe space to learn helpful skills and tools to support you and your ministry.

Consent in Community Building. Honor and respect are an essential component of how we build relationships and experience community. Together we will explore helpful ways we can set boundaries that create opportunities to care for people we love, those around us, and in our faith communities. How will building healthy boundaries and relationships help strengthen welcome?

Bias & Its Impact on Welcome. Bias is a part of our lives and ministries. This training will invite attendees into exploring how bias impacts welcome, creativity, and innovation for our lives and ministries. Together we will co-create a space to increase our awareness about how shifting our thinking can create new paths forward that were not possible before.

Together we can make a way to care and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. For more information about the dates and time of the trainings visit our website. www.reconcilingworks.org/trainings/

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

It is no secret that COVID has had a tremendous impact on many of us.

In this season of continued change, adaptation, and wonder, ReconcilingWorks continues to serve people all across the county in their journey of welcome.

Congregations and ministries are reaching out for support it is through your generosity that we are able to continue to do so.

Please consider making a gift today to support this holy ministry.

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"We could not be prouder of our daughter and her spouse who both work daily to improve the lives of others. They share the same compassionate, caring and loving heart and I know in my heart God loves them even more than we do!"

- Monthly Donor Kathy T



ACCESS RECONCILINGWORKS ARCHIVES ONLINE

At ReconcilingWorks we believe that part of our ministry is ensuring our story is told for generations to come. One way we do this is through our archives, and we are happy to announce you can now access them online!

"Part of the 17-unit Archives and Special Collections department of the University of Minnesota libraries, the Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies is the largest LGBTQ-specific archival repository in the upper Midwest, holding approximately 3,500 linear feet of material—including books, periodicals, grey literature, personal and organizational records, zines and pamphlets, artifacts and ephemera, and audiovisual materials." - www.lib.umn.edu/tretter

If you would like to access our files online you can find them at

<https://archives.lib.umn.edu/repositories/13/resources/9270>

A special thank you to our Board of Director Secretary, Ellen Taube for months of work in preserving our story and making it accessible!

Update: ReconcilingWorks has an updated mailing address. Please make sure and update your records.

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