

WELCOME!

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UMC FULL
INCLUSION

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Laura Young, South Central Regional Organizer with RMN (Reconciling Ministries Network) – and Deaconess in the Texas Annual Conference – is our featured presenter.

Laura's remarks about the Reconciling Movement will address:

- **Where we are**
- **Where do we go from here**
- **How you can make a difference**
- **Questions submitted through registration**

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AGENDA

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- **Welcome – Rev. Diane McGehee**
- **Opening Prayer – Rev. J.D. Phillips**
- **History – Rev. Diane McGehee**
- **News from the Reconciling Movement – Laura Young**
- **Closing Prayer – Rev. Jim Bankston**

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TAC Delegates

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ANNUAL
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(TAC)

Texas Annual Conference
Friday, August 14, 2020 via Zoom
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



All Delegates

MUST register BEFORE August 7th
for the August 14th TAC webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_6J-wColoRomvazUKiklY6g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6J-wColoRomvazUKiklY6g)

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From the  **Board:**
VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS



**1. Strategic Mapping Team
Discipling Proposal**



2. Local Church Disaffiliation Plan



**3. Resolution to End Harm and
Open Table**



TOP 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW...

Then... next year there will
be important
opportunities to engage
our GC delegates



1. Talk to your pastor

- Share your story, your passion for LGBTQ justice in the UMC
- Express interest in being a delegate to annual conference in coming years



2. Talk to your Sunday school, bible study group, other local church friends

- Share your story, your passion for LGBTQ justice in the UMC
- Ask to hear their story, their thoughts



3. Help us add more Reconciling Communities in the Texas Annual Conference



4. Contact Laura Young if your SS class or other group might be interested



5. Contact Laura Young if you can help launch a new Regional Reconciling Community



How to Contact Laura Young

Laura Young (she/her)



Laura Young (she/her)
Regional Organizer
laura@rmnetwork.org
936.581.9401 cell/text



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

The complex block contains a portrait of Laura Young, a woman with reddish-brown hair and glasses, smiling. To the right of the portrait is her name and title, her email address, and her cell/text number. Below this information is the logo for the Reconciling Ministries Network, which consists of a rainbow-colored graphic with a white cross, and the text "RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK" underneath.

DO YOU
KNOW
LGBTQIA+
ALLIES

These organizations are Allies of LGBTQIA+

- **Affirmation (UMC)** <http://www.umaffirm.org/>
- **Church Within A Church Movement (UMC)** <http://www.cwac.us/>
- **Love Prevails** <http://www.loveprevailsumc.com/>
- **Methodist Federation for Social Action** <http://mfsaweb.org/>
- **Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN)** <https://rmnetwork.org/resources-v2/>
- **Reconciling United Methodists Texas Conference (RUMTX)** <https://rumtx.weebly.com/>
- **UMC NEXT** <https://umcnext.com/>

NON- ALLIES

These organizations are Non-Allies of LGBTQIA+

- **Good News Magazine**
<https://goodnewsmag.org/about-us/>
- **Institute on Religion and Democracy (IRD)** <https://theird.org/about/>
- **The Confessing Movement UMC**
<https://www.confessingumc.org/>
- **UM Action (part of IRD)**
https://theird.org/publication_name/um-action/
- **Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA)**
<https://wesleyancovenant.org/about-page/>
- **Wesleyan Methodist Movement**
<https://www.newwesleyandenomination.com/>

WHAT IS AN OPEN HEARTS GROUP?



Open Hearts groups are for friends, families and allies of LBGQTQIA+ persons and LBGQTQIA+ people. Meetings include speakers, videos, and most importantly, a time of sharing, love and support for all group members.

To form a New Group, or if your church has an Open Hearts group and is not listed in our records, or you need a group's contact information, please email:

Nelda Brooks, nellieKT@aol.com

Norma Graves lexford10@aol.com

**FIND AN
OPEN
HEARTS
GROUP**



Bering Memorial UMC, Houston

Central Church, Galveston

Chapelwood UMC, Houston

Conroe UMC

Faith UMC, Spring

Kingwood UMC, Kingwood

Memorial Drive UMC, Houston

Moody UMC, Galveston

North District Area

South District Area

St. John's UMC, Texas City

St. Mark's UMC

St. Paul's UMC, Houston

St. Peter's UMC, Katy

Strawbridge UMC

Sunset UMC, Pasadena

Wesley Memorial UMC, Huntsville



Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN)

WHAT IS THE RMN?

MISSION:

- Living into our shared baptismal covenant, Reconciling Ministries Network equips and mobilizes United Methodists to resist evil, injustice, and oppression as we seek justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

VISION:

- Reconciling Ministries Network envisions a renewed and vibrant Wesleyan movement that is biblically and theologically centered. As committed disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to transform ourselves and the world by living out the Gospel's teachings of grace, love, justice, and celebration of all of God's children.

Regional Organizers

- Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to the local church and especially to helping communities discern how your congregation, Sunday School class, campus ministry, or other small group can actively welcome all people.



What Is RUMTX?



Reconciling United Methodist Texas Conference (RUMTX) is a group of clergy and laity in the Texas Annual Conference of the UMC who aspire to be a healing voice within the climate of fear and misinformation surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity.

RUMTX works to:

- Create a welcoming atmosphere for all persons in the churches of the Texas Annual Conference.
- Follow the example of Christ, loving our neighbors as ourselves and establishing radical hospitality as the norm for all human relationships.

RUMTX pursues these goals by

- providing opportunities for dialogue through witness and education.
- Serving as a Community within Reconciling Ministries Network, a national grassroots organization that exists to enable full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the United Methodist Church, both in policy and practice.

Send donations to support these (501c3) activities to:
RUMTX, PO Box 542142, Houston, TX 77254-2142

**Keep
in
Touch**



**Thank You
for
joining us!**

More to Come...

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to RUMTX events, email:
glyndenbode@gmail.com**

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