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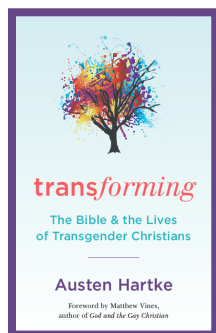
Strengthening our Walk with our LGBTQIA+ Siblings

September 23 and 24, 2019
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa

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Presenter: Austen Hartke

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in becoming LGBTQIA-affirming. As a transgender person of faith, Austen's greatest passion is helping other trans and gender-non-conforming people see themselves in scripture.

Event Sessions & Schedule

The event is open to everyone. Please note that some sessions are focused on a particular audience. You may choose to attend all sessions, a single session, or a combination of sessions.

Lunch will be provided on September 24 or you may select the option to bring your own lunch.

Monday, September 23

- 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Exploring Gender Diversity in Biblical and Modern Contexts

Tuesday, September 24

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — *The Clobber Texts* and *The Affirming Texts* for Lay and Rostered Leaders - includes a one hour lunch break from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- 2:30pm -3:30pm — LGBTQIA+ and Youth for Cross+Gen Directors, Youth Directors, and Youth/Family Pastors
- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — LGBTQIA+ and the Call Process for Synod Staff, Synod Council, Interim Pastors, and all who are interested

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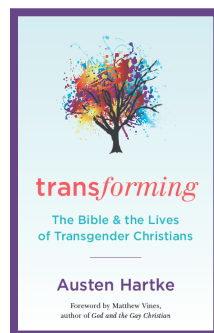
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