

RIC MINISTRY TEAM  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2013 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team continues to work for the equality and full inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Education continues to be our main focus. In January, the team conducted a workshop for the seminarians during their J-term.

We were privileged to be able to participate in the Ministry Fair at Synod Assembly and continued our tradition of having a table at synod assembly. We provide information on the RIC Synod Ministry Team and Reconciling Works (formerly Lutherans Concerned of North America) as well as information on anti-bullying resources.

In June, clergy from the ministry team participated in the Interfaith Prayer Service during PrideFest. Lay members from the ministry team and outside the ministry team participated in the Interfaith Choir during the prayer service. Two ELCA congregations, Adoration Lutheran Church and Village Church, and a few RIC Ministry Team members who are members of congregations that have not gone through the process of being official RIC congregations, marched in the Pride Parade.

In November, the ministry team sponsored a workshop on anti-bullying led by the Gay Straight Alliance. The workshop was geared toward pastors, youth ministry leaders, parents and any interested adult.

There are currently 19 RIC congregations within the Greater Milwaukee Synod. The RIC ministry team continues to work with interested congregations to live fully into being welcoming to all God's children; no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. The RIC ministry team continues to be a resource to all congregations.

We are in the process of transitioning to a new webpage which can be located at [ric.milwaukeesynod.org](http://ric.milwaukeesynod.org). You can also find us on facebook at GMS Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team. If you have any questions or are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact MaryBeth Hoffman at [mb.hoffman@yahoo.com](mailto:mb.hoffman@yahoo.com).

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