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ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation (International Affiliation)

ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation advocates for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church and congregations.

We provide a place of comfort and safety. We reach out to teach that Christ's message, the Gospel, is for everyone equally. We advocate for systemic change in policy and practice in church and society, working to alleviate not only the painful symptoms of oppression but also to eliminate its root causes.

We are Lutherans working with the recognition that racism, sexism, ageism, able-ism, heterosexism, homophobia—and all the other artificial distinctions that seek to raise one group into privilege and preference over another—conspire together to diminish our world and church.

Reconciliation is what we do; it is what the Apostle Paul says we are all called to do. Reconciling prevents disagreements from growing into permanent separation. We are not only Lutherans concerned about the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; we are Lutherans working for the full participation of all through a ministry of reconciliation.

Since 1974, ReconcilingWorks has ministered to thousands of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and heterosexual persons seeking to affirm both their faith and sexuality. An independent, Lutheran, membership-supported organization, ReconcilingWorks is committed to strengthen all of God’s people for authentic, visible, faithful lives and to work for systemic change within the church and world. We believe reconciling works . . . for the sake of the world.

Reconciling in Christ Synod Ministry Team

In June 2006 several synod leaders, lay and ordained met in preparation for opposing the ban on civil unions and gay marriage in Wisconsin. In November 2006 we became a recognized ministry committee by the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council.

Since then, 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.

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