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Brethren & Mennonite Center for Queer Studies Website Launch

The website of the Brethren & Mennonite Center for Queer Studies has officially launched! The Oral History Project, educational resources and the work of scholars and artists, including John Linscheid, Stephanie Krehbiel, Jessie Houff and more are now housed there.



Visit bmclgbt.org/center to explore and let us know what you think!

Along the Arc: Worship Resources for Welcoming Communities



A new booklet of worship resources that are LGBTQ-affirming for Anabaptist communities is available on our website now!

There are two versions, a web version that includes sermons and a few extra occasional services, and a print version. To download the web version, visit bmclgbt.org/for-congregations.



For the print version, contact the BMC office at bmc@bmclgbt.org to order a copy.

Power & Privilege Registration Open

Registration is now open for the Power and Privilege: The Journey towards Justice Conference, scheduled for October 20-22 in Bridgewater, Virginia. BMC is working with On Earth Peace to offer this important event that will feature Regina Shands Stoltzfus of Goshen College, and Matt Guynn of On Earth Peace. Goals for the conference include: exploring how power and privilege affects our individual and corporate lives, analyzing how

power operates in the church, learning new ways to use power to further change, and sharing stories of liberation and healing. To register, download a brochure [here](#), or register online at www.bit.ly/BMC-OEP-Bridgewater.

Conference/Convention Reflections



Carol Wise wrote an analysis and summary of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, "Confusion, Distractions, and Hope: Thoughts from Annual Conference." To read the full article, click [here](#).

Hayley Brooks wrote a reflection about her experience in the Future Church Summit at the MCUSA Convention in Orlando, "A Holy Divorce: A Queer Reflection of the Future Church Summit." To read the article, click [here](#).

Luke Miller, a BMC board member, also wrote a reflection about the MCUSA convention in Orlando on Pink Menno's blog, "A love letter to the scattered pink siblings, from Orlando." Click [here](#) to read the full post.

Annabeth Roeschley, who was part of the design/theme team for the Future Church Summit, provided an important analysis of the summit and the delegate session following the summit, "Orlando 2017: What it looks like to share power more equitably and then take it right back again***" Read the article on *The Mennonite* [here](#).



Pictures: Left: Regina Shands Stoltzfus gives a sermon the inclusive worship service at the MCUSA convention. Right: A hymn sing at the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference.

Farewell to Hayley



It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Hayley Brooks as the BMC Kaleidoscope Coordinator. Hayley has graciously given two years of full time voluntary service to BMC. As a result of her design talents, BMC has a new website that is cohesive, interesting, and easy to navigate. She has created new banners and brochures that carry our message in a professional fashion. Hayley's impressive research and writing skills have combined to create several wonderful on-line and print resources for BMC including:

A Brief Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Terms
Trans 101: A Brief Guide
Queer Students Abroad
Along the Arc: Worship and Ritual for Welcoming Communities

We will miss Hayley's keen intellect, humor, commitment and strong work ethic. Her work with Pink Menno and Mennonite colleges has helped move LGBTQ equality further along, and her resources will empower individuals and congregations for years to come. Hayley has enhanced the depth and vision of BMC. For that, we are most grateful and wish her nothing but the best as she takes on new challenges and opportunities in her new position at Planned Parenthood. Hayley's last day will be on August 18. To express your appreciation for her work, email her at kaleidoscope@bmcigbt.org.

Kaleidoscope Position Open

Hayley's departure means that BMC has its intern position available. The Kaleidoscope Coordinator position offers an opportunity to make a difference in the struggle for LGBTQ justice within the Mennonite and Church of

the Brethren traditions. The position involves working with lgbtq advocacy and support groups on college campuses, engaging with Pink Menno, reaching out to youth and young adults, developing new resources, working with social media, encouraging congregations, and learning first-hand how a small non-profit operates. Most of all, it offers a chance to make a difference within the church and society. Interested? Please contact Carol Wise at bmc@bmclgbt.org or call 612.343.2060 to learn more about the position.

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