



Queer Religious Justice Field Placement
Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests
Chicago, IL (in-person or remote)

About BMC

The [Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests](#) (BMC) is an organization and beloved community alive at the intersections of queer theological activism, healing and liberatory justice-making. For over 45 years, BMC's central mission remains twofold: to care for lgbtqia+ Mennonites and Brethren and to transform harmful church structures.

Position Description

The Queer Religious Justice Field Placement is an opportunity for seminary/divinity school students to support the important work of BMC and to engage in embodied theological praxis, grounded in a queer-led organization & religious justice movement. Opportunities exist for theological/ecclesial resource curation and creation, program development, organizing and activism, occasional preaching & presenting, workshop facilitation, and event planning. Additional foci could include youth and young adults, lgbtqia+ archival work, online media/communications, and enhancing BMC's [Center for Queer Studies](#). There is a lot of flexibility to adapt to the strengths and interests of the student in pursuing particular projects. This placement is not funded at this time. If that is a barrier please reach out to discuss a reciprocal arrangement. Students can receive course credit for completing a field placement.

BMC could be a fitting placement if

- You are excited about the intersections of queerness, theology, healing and justice
- You are called to faith-based ministry but not necessarily in a congregation
- You have emotional/spiritual capacity to respond effectively to cis-heterosexism & transphobia
- You bring a 'hermeneutic of suspicion' to church institutions, alongside compassion & care
- You're willing to both take initiative and collaborate on a team
- You can flex with the demands of a small, grassroots nonprofit

Field Placement Supervisor: Annabeth Roeschley, MDiv – [bio link](#)

Accessibility

The BMC office is in the Woodlawn neighborhood of Chicago, on the 2nd floor of a vintage building with no elevator, several blocks from a Metra train station and the Lakeshore bike trail (and amazing Lake Michigan). Options for remote work and other accessibility arrangements are possible. People from historically and currently marginalized communities are encouraged to apply. BMC seeks to foster a safe and brave workplace, with a living commitment to dismantle interlocking forms of injustice and nurture work that is healing.

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