

Workshops and Talks:

Transgender 101

This workshop is a deep dive into gender identity. You'll get up to date terminology, an exploration of the difference between sexuality and gender identity, the unique challenges facing transgender people, and how to better work in solidarity with this community.

The Unique Needs of Queer Youth

Designed for teachers, social workers, youth workers, and church leaders this workshop provides instruction on current terms and definitions in the LGBTQIA+ community. Then we do a deep dive into the unique challenges queer and trans young people face and how you can better advocate for them. We'll also talk about things to watch out for and avoid in order to best support these youth.

Sacred Stories and Sacred Texts

What can stories teach us? How might stories, both sacred and secular, deepen our faith and our work for justice? In this talk we'll explore the power of stories to deepen empathy, open up our views of the world, and dream better futures for all of us.

Introduction to Queer Theology

Providing an overview of the differences between working with the verses usually used to condemn LGBTQ+ people and working with Queer Theology, this workshop will give an overview of the different streams of theology pertaining to queer and transgender folks as well as the power to be found in queer theology.

Queering the Bible

What does it look like to read the Bible from a queer perspective and why would we want to? Is this just for LGBTQ+ folks or can straight/cisgender folks find value in this work as well? In this talk we'll explore different readings of the Bible through queer perspectives, how they empower queer and trans folks, and how they'll lead to deeper empathy and more insight for straight/cisgender folks as well.

Subversive Stories: The Power of Narrative.

Part personal narrative, part exploration of stories, in this talk Shannon shares his story of growing up a Christian fundamentalist in a rural community and his journey to becoming the first openly transgender man ordained to the Old Catholic priesthood. He'll share the way stories saved him and how stories can deepen empathy and open up new ways of being.