

AFFIRMING NEWS

May 2021

Affirming Leaders Day

Join us from anywhere in the world for Affirming Leaders Day! A faith-based development & connection day for allied and LGBTQ2S+ folks! Featuring Civil Rights Activist Rev. James Lawson, Queer Singer/Songwriter Semler, and Pop Culture Critic/Scholar/Author Anthony Oliveira! Peace and Protest: Creating Change with Love and Intention. We explore the ways that our faith calls us to bring justice, love, peace, and hope into the world. This year we reflect on the ways in which our communities have been strained and constrained by the pandemic and the increasing polarization of an "us vs. them" mentality. How do we resist the urge to "other" others, while still standing our ground and working for justice?

WHEN: Saturday, May 22, 2021, 10am-4:30pm MDT

WHERE: Zoom

TICKETS: \$15-\$30. Every ticket type gives you access to ALL of the sessions.
(25% off Promo Code: **NORTHERNSPIRIT**)

Question:

At what age should LGBTQ2SIA+ youths come out?

Answer:

There is no right or wrong answer. The risks and benefits of coming out are different for everyone. Some have supportive families where others do not. People can come out whenever they want to!

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, & Biphobia

It was created in 2004 to draw the attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people, and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and/or expressions. You are invited to join us for our **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia Livestream Event!** This event will feature songs, stories and reflections from Two-spirit & LGBTQIA+ folks and their experiences around Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia. We will hear about how inclusion and acceptance within society and within the Church helps to end homophobia, transphobia, & biphobia, how folks have overcome these challenges, and what allies can do to help support the Two-spirit & LGBTQ+ communities.

FEATURING: *Gary Simpson (He/Him), Melisa Guilbeault (She/Her), Dorothy Bellion (She/Her), RW Hoekstra (He/Him), Emmet Michael (He/Him) & MORE!*

WHEN: Monday, May 17th | 2:00-3:30PM (MDT)

WHERE: Facebook Livestream

WHO: Open to everyone

COST: FREE

Links to all events can be found on the Affirming Ministries Facebook Page!