



United
Women
in Faith

SAVE THE DATE - ZOOM EVENT
SOCIAL ACTION DAY April 12, 2025 9:00-noon

“FOR LOVE AND GRACE-RESISTING OPPRESSION AND HATE”

Opening our Doors to ALL God’s Children

Since 1972, The United Methodist Church has struggled with the full inclusion and affirmation of LGBTQ+ persons in its life and ministry. With the removal of harmful language from the Book of Discipline at the UMC General Conference in 2024, finally United Methodists are urged to speak up for persons who face marginalization of any kind, including because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. "The United Methodist Church commits to befriending and caring for all persons, including LGBTQ persons in our churches and communities". Revised Social Principles



SPEAKERS

Reverend Dr. Israel (Izzy) Alvaran (he/him)

“Becoming an Inclusive Community”

Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran is a United Methodist Elder from the Philippines and a clergy member of the California Pacific Conference. He is the only openly gay clergy ordained in the Philippines Central Conference and a founding member of the United Methodist Queer Clergy Caucus. Rev. Dr. Alvaran previously served as RMN’s organizer for the Western

and North Central Jurisdictions and is now RMN's Director of United Methodist Connections. He facilitates “Building an Inclusive Community” Workshops.



Dr. Sherry Warren (she/her)

“God's Beloved and Diverse Children: LGBTQ+ Identity and Terminology”

Dr. Warren is the Director of Equity, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve. She is a trainer the “served the UUA Our Whole Lives human sexuality curriculum. Dr. Warren served the UUA and UCC at the national level and is a lecturer, author, and educator including teaching master’s level Advanced Policy and Advocacy at UW-Green Bay. She is thrilled for the

United Methodist Church to welcome all of God's children and loves consulting with congregations to create welcoming communities.

REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 1.

IS YOUR CHURCH WILLING TO HOST A WATCH PARTY FOR NEIGHBORING CHURCHES? QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY HARTKE at KDhartke@gmail.com