



Synod Assembly Resolutions 2021

Education and Resources for the NWSWI on LGBTQIA+ Conversation

Discussion Guide

The Psalmist writes, *“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*
(Psalm 139:14, NRSV)

1. What does it mean to be fearfully and wonderfully made?
2. Is sexuality inborn or chosen? If sexuality is an inborn trait, then is it part of the way that God creates us? How does that affect what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made?
3. Is it easy to accept ourselves and our created bodies as they are? How is accepting our bodies in the way they are created an act of worship and praise for our Creator?

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Matthew 22:36-40, NRSV)

1. Sexuality is a good gift from God. We are to honor our Creator by the responsible expression of our sexuality. In what ways is this an example of following the Jesus’ commandment to love one another?
2. How important do you think it is for LGBTQIA people to have a safe and accepting place to worship their Creator? How can the Church follow the example of Jesus to love one another by including LGBTQIA brothers and sisters in worship and the ministries of the Church?