



# MORE LIGHT

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## PRESBYTERIANS

### MAY NEWSLETTER!

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#### STAFF UPDATE

After much reflection and discernment, the board created a new organizational structure that aligns with our new mission and values. This led to the hiring of our Director of Engagement, Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava (she/her) and our Director of Operations, Jesy Littlejohn (they/them). You can learn more about us [here](#).

We crafted new mission and vision statements that honor our amazing history, acknowledge how our realities have changed, and dream of a future where everyone thrives. You can see our new mission and vision [here](#).

## STAFF UPDATE (con't)

We embarked on (and completed) the monumental task of switching our database management system to Bloomerang! All donations, recurring giving, and bulk correspondence will come from this system. Please make sure that you mark this address safe so that we don't go to your junk mail!

We are currently in a stage of transition and will be working on a brand-new website! In the interim, thanks to the efforts of MLP board member, Ófe Abreu Rosario and our Director of Operations, we have a new temporary website! The good news: You can still use the same web address! [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)!

The new temporary page streamlines the basic functions of our website! As you navigate this new temporary site, if there are resources or information that you cannot find, please contact [hello@mlp.org](mailto:hello@mlp.org).

Finally, we are starting to create and launch programming that is consistent with our new mission and vision —like this newsletter! Be on the lookout for new opportunities and resources for you and your ministry areas!

With hope, grace, and peace,

**Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava** — Director of Engagement

**Jesy Littlejohn** — Director of Operations

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MLP will be busy this summer! If you are going to be attending one of these events and want to chat with us or just hang out, email our Director of Engagement, [Claudia](mailto:Claudia) to make plans!

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming events!

- **May 21:** Join MLP, [NEXT Church](#), and [Sanctified Art](#) as we host a conversation about what it looks like to host a Pride service in your congregation, and the partnership between MLP and Sanctified Art for LGBTQIA inclusive liturgy for Pride.
- **June 9** — MLP Pride Service (online). Join us at 5 pm EST as we celebrate all bodies and all loves. You don't want to miss this!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 16-21** – Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, NC.
- **June 29-July 1** – General Assembly. Both of our Directors will be on site for GA this year! We will have a hospitality suite at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center. More details are forthcoming. We will also host a cocktail reception on June 29th at 8 pmat the Diamond Lounge of the Hilton SLC Center to kick off our 25th/50th anniversary celebrations with finger foods, a cash bar, and a dance party! Submit your favorite songs [here](#).
- **July 11-14** – Wild Goose Festival. It's our first time there, so come to our table and say hi!
- **July 15-21** – Montreat Middle School Conference. Rev. Claudia Aguilar, our Director of Engagement, will be keynoting the conference.
- **TBD** – A Facebook Live conversation between Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) and MLP. PHS has been helping organize and catalog our records and have incredible discoveries to unearth.

## Support More Light Presbyterians

IS  
ANYONE  
ELSE  
OUT THERE  
GAY?

Do you have THE picture? Our story started with David Sindt holding a sign that said: "Is anybody else out there gay?" Everybody remembers the moment, but we don't have a picture of it. Do you have a copy of this picture? Email it to [hello@mlp.org](mailto:hello@mlp.org)

YOUR  
SIGN  
HERE

Speaking of holding signs: If you were holding up a sign at General Assembly or your Presbytery meeting, what would you say? Where is justice still needed? What work is still to be done? Send an email to [hello@mlp.org](mailto:hello@mlp.org) with a 5 second video or an image of you (or anyone in your community!) holding a sign that would start a movement in our denomination and honor David Sindt's courage!

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Purchase the A Sanctified Art/More Light Presbyterians Pride Sunday liturgy [here](#).



We are trying to collect a list of all of our former board members to create an MLP alumni group. Have you served on our board or do you know someone who has served on our board? Fill out this form and we will be in touch with you in the next few months.



Has your congregation paid dues this year? If not, you may submit them here. Your dues help us do this work.

## More Light Merchandise

Pride is drawing closer! Do you have your More Light Presbyterians Merch ready to pass out? We have you covered! Check out all our pins and stickers in the [More Light Shop](#), including [this](#) multipack of MLP Logo stickers that include various identity pride flags



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More Light Presbyterians' mission is to center and celebrate the lives, gifts, and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and beyond. We accomplish this by igniting the prophetic witness of our ministry partners and by cultivating relationships rooted in mutual accountability and care. Together, we journey toward God's promised liberation and flourishing for all creation.

Your gift helps to advance More Light Presbyterians mission to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Click [HERE](#) to learn how you can donate today!

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