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## PRESBYTERIANS

### JUNE NEWSLETTER!

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#### STAFF UPDATE

### Happy 1 Year Anniversary to our Director of Engagement, Rev. Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava!



More Light Presbyterians has been blessed by the leadership and dedication of our Director of Engagement, Claudia! She brings compassion and care to her work that is only matched by her call to fight for the full inclusion, celebration, and leadership of her LGBTQIA+ siblings. She is a gift to MLP and to the church.



## STAFF UPDATE (con't)

A Note from Director of Operations,  
Jesy Littlejohn

Hello MLP Community,

It has been a gift and privilege to serve as the Director of Operations over the last 6 months and I look forward to where God is calling me in this role as MLP continues to live into our Mission and Vision. My life has changed significantly over the last 11+ years, and much of it can be traced back to finding a More Light Presbyterian church to join for worship. Being a part of this team and working alongside this phenomenal staff and board, as well as the entire constituency of ministry partners, is a dream come true.

I am excited by the momentum we are building as an organization. There is a palpable energy among the staff and board as we ramp up for all of our summer activities. We have had difficult and rich conversations about the events impacting our world and local communities, and we have named the hope we want to lean into as we work toward the world we want for our children, our ancestors.

We hope you will continue to reach out, volunteer your time, and be part of what it means to journey together towards God's promised liberation and flourishing for all creation.

## 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](#) to make plans!

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming events!

- **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!
- **June 16-21** – Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, NC.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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](#).



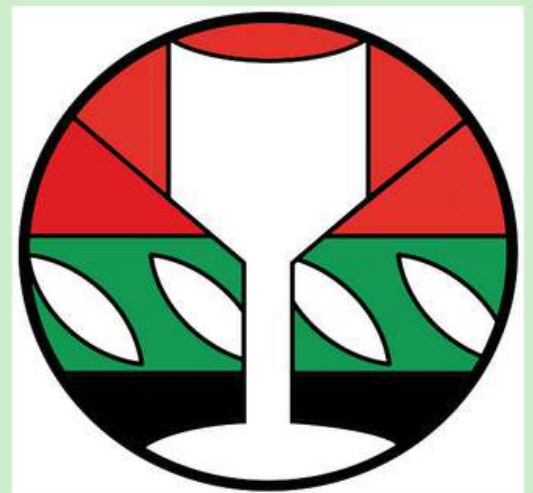
We are trying to collect a list of all of our former board members to create an MLP alumni group. Have you served on our board or do you know someone who has served on our board? Fill out this form and we will be in touch with you in the next few months.



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

On May 29, 2024 the More Light Presbyterians Board of Directors and Staff released an official statement regarding on the ongoing genocide in Palestine and call for a permanent ceasefire.

We invite and encourage you to read the statement [HERE](#)



## More Light Merchandise

Pride month is here – Are you stocked up on your MLP swag? Make sure you grab a couple (or a lot) of our MLP Pronoun pins like the one seen here!

Visit the MLP shop at [mlp.org](http://mlp.org) today!



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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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