

## CONFIDENTIAL ONALASKA UMC RECONCILING SURVEY

Recently, Onalaska UMC's Church Council voted 14-0 (one abstention) to begin the process of becoming a Reconciling church. The Reconciling Ministries Network (<http://rmnetwork.org>) consists of United Methodist Churches which have carefully studied the issue of LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) inclusion and have formally adopted statements welcoming LGBTQ+ people in the life of the church.

The process invites congregation members to participate in several months of education and discussion, including sermons, small groups, book studies, etc. At the conclusion of the process, a church conference will be held so that all members can vote on the reconciling statement.

As our church begins this inquiry, please complete this survey to help us discern what educational and discussion opportunities will be helpful.

### ***CIRCLE the response that reflects your agreement with each statement:***

1 disagree | 2 somewhat disagree | 3 undecided | 4 somewhat agree | 5 agree

A. All people are of sacred worth and should be welcomed in the church, as stated in The United Methodist Church's guiding <i>Book of Discipline</i> .	1 2 3 4 5
B. Homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, and the church should prohibit same-sex weddings and homosexual clergy, as also stated in the <i>Book of Discipline</i> .	1 2 3 4 5
C. I understand which bible verses are used to support full LGBTQ+ inclusion in church (as members, leaders, clergy, and marriage) and different ways they are interpreted.	1 2 3 4 5
D. I understand which bible verses are used to condemn homosexuality, and different ways they are interpreted.	1 2 3 4 5
E. The mission of Onalaska UMC to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" could be accomplished better if we include LGBTQ+ people.	1 2 3 4 5
F. Including LGBTQ+ would help us fulfill our vision to "love unconditionally; <i>prepare</i> our hearts, minds & hands; <i>serve</i> in all the ways we can; and <i>celebrate God</i> in all we do."	1 2 3 4 5
G. I am currently aware of or personally know LGBTQ+ people who are members of Onalaska UMC.	1 2 3 4 5
H. I am currently aware of or personally know family members, neighbors, or friends who are LGBTQ+.	1 2 3 4 5

I. I understand the language of this discussion (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, cisgender) and the use of preferred personal pronouns such as he/she/they.	1 2 3 4 5
J. I understand changes in the general culture of America both in favor of and against LGBTQ+ people.	1 2 3 4 5
K. I understand current scientific knowledge and research on sexuality and gender identity.	1 2 3 4 5
L. I am familiar with the struggles faced by LGBTQ+ youth and adults, including increased risk of depression, anxiety, suicide, self-harm, homelessness, and addiction.	1 2 3 4 5
M. I am interested in learning more about this topic, and would participate in opportunities to educate myself and engage in discussion with other OUMC members.	1 2 3 4 5
N. My thoughts, beliefs, or opinions on the inclusion or exclusion of LGBTQ+ people at OUMC are open to change if I learn new information or ways of interpreting scripture.	1 2 3 4 5
I would make use of these educational opportunities... <i>(circle all that apply)</i>	
SERMONS                      GOD MOMENTS                      1 & DONES BIBLE STUDIES                      BOOK GROUPS                      DISCUSSIONS PRINT RESOURCES                      VIDEOS                      WEB RESOURCES	
O. I can be a member of a congregation that does not completely agree with my beliefs about God, interpretation of scripture, preferences for worship, or leadership priorities.	1 2 3 4 5
P. I would leave Onalaska UMC if the majority of congregation members decided to "reconcile" and welcome LGBTQ+ neighbors as members and leaders.	1 2 3 4 5

### ***OPTIONAL anonymous demographic data to help us interpret results:***

MEMBERSHIP:    Member    Regular    Guest

AGE GROUP:    0-18    19-35    36-65    66 and up

GENDER:    Male    Female    Other

ATTRACTION:    Hetero-    Homo-    Pan-    Asexual    Other

RELATIONSHIP:    Single    Married    Committed but unmarried

***PLEASE place completed survey in box by the office. Thank you!***