

We Dissent.

The River Falls United Methodist Church abhors and laments the continued discriminatory policies of our global denomination and the continuing harm done to our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual siblings here and around the world.

We oppose and refuse to uphold the decisions made at the denomination's recent Special General Conference held in St. Louis, MO. We recommit to our position of active and prophetic dissent. Our ministries and mission will not be defined nor confined by our denominational affiliation.

Our resistance to injustice is a critical part of our baptismal and membership covenants, when we vow "to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form it presents itself." Sometimes, that evil, injustice, and oppression are found within our own church's laws – and so we will resist them.

To the LGBTQIA+ Community:

We are sorry.

We recognize the harm done through speeches, headlines, insensitive statements, and the continued policies that reduce our LGBTQIA+ siblings to "issues" and "other." We are sorry for the untold pain that churches bring to you, intentionally and unintentionally.

We welcome, celebrate, and embrace you.

While we continue to work for greater inclusion within our larger denomination, the River Falls United Methodist Church is committed to working with you to create and sustain communities that celebrate LGBTQIA+ persons as beloved children of God – something that should never be in question!

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Reach out in love ... partnering with God to create a compassionate and just world.