

Opportunity to Support
Rev. Anna Blaedel

August 8 -
Iowa Annual Conference Center

As many of you know, Anna is facing a third complaint process in The United Methodist Church. For the second time, they are being charged as a “self-avowed practicing homosexual,” which is not permissible for UMC clergy. (The other complaint was for officiating a queer wedding) Anna delights in claiming and “practicing” their queerness, and in proclaiming the sacredness of queer and trans lives and loves. And...still the violence of the discriminatory policies of the Book of Discipline and the actions of all who uphold them through these complaint processes continues to do serious damage.



The next step in this complaint process is a closed hearing with the Committee on Investigation which is assigned with the task of “investigating the allegations made in the judicial complaint and to determine if reasonable grounds exist to bring a bill of charges and specifications to trial.”

This meeting will take place on the morning of August 8, 2019, at 9 AM CT at the Iowa Annual Conference Center in Des Moines.

If you are within the region, you are invited to come to the Conference Center and join in support of Anna. The Spirit will surely be with us as we gather to bear witness to the preventable and unnecessary loss and grief in this particular ongoing complaint process, in Anna’s life and ministry, and in the church and world at large. If you intend to join us, please fill out this google doc and I will be in touch with more info closer to the date of: <https://forms.gle/FLQNxSJcAejW35P7>

Further, if you cannot join but wish to support Anna and their ministry, a specific campaign has been set up via enfleshed, a ministry they co-founded. You are invited to support their ongoing work, writing, and witness in the midst of this challenging process. Even if the consequences of these complaints over the last 3+ years mean Anna ends up no longer having clergy credentials in the UMC, their vital ministry will continue as long as support allows.

If you have any questions, please direct them to me at any time at m@enfleshed.com. I am currently on vacation and will gladly respond as soon as I’m able.

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