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## Letter from Lois

*In this struggle for justice we have deepened and broadened in our own lives,  
and extended the horizon of our vision.*

~ Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Baseball. Beaches. Brides.

Summer in the city.

Driving down Lake Shore this time of year feels like a celebration – runners, bikes, strollers, boats, swimmers all taking hold of the Lake Michigan shore as it closes into the urban landscape. It's the time of year tourists come to Chicago to enjoy the weather and the weekend festivals, the sound of the bat at the ball field and the symphony at Millennium Park.

And our calendar at Broadway is busier than ever with weddings – Marriage Equality has given our Sanctuary new life as we celebrate with all kinds of couples the love that poets have expressed since poetry began.

The love celebration we enjoyed during Pride Month will carry us through July and August and even into the fall as Vernice & I meet with couples to talk, to discover, to plan, to un-mask the secret of “covenant.”

I'm struck by the similarity these covenants – whether bride & bride, groom & groom, or bride & groom – have with the covenants we make as church people. We promise when babies are baptized that we'll nurture them in the faith and teach them about Jesus' life and ministry and commitment to justice. We prom-

ise new members of the community that we'll receive them and hold them accountable even as they publicly declare that they choose to unite with us and promise to hold us accountable. We agree to take on responsibility for certain ministries. We pledge to make our financial gifts. We confirm that we'll bear witness to God's inclusive love beyond the walls.

Just like wedding vows, these covenants are meant to be binding – to bind us to God and to one another; to hold us to the values we claim. It's my hope that, as summer rolls out before us and we witness the birth of a new day for lesbian and gay couples, we'll also remember our own vows to be part of God's healing of a broken world. Because just as we need marriage equality, God needs us.

On the journey with you,



Rev. Lois McCullen Parr



## Vernice's View

### The Art of Healing

This time of year is an opportunity for renewal as many of us take vacations and Sabbath time. It becomes a period to recover from the first half of the year and prepare for the second half. These places and times of respite hopefully are also times of healing.

I am currently reading a book that was given to me last year (thanks Lois) titled *Snake Oil, The Art of Healing and Truth Telling*. This book is written by one of my favorite people, Rev. Becca Stevens, who is an Episcopal priest and founder of Magdalene and Thistle Farms, a community and social enterprise that stands with women recovering from violence, prostitution, addiction and life on the streets. These broken, thrown away women are invited into a community of healing and hope. They provide strength to each other by listening and sharing their stories in a safe and non-judgmental environment. In her book Becca says, “the art of healing is a huge gift...and is intended to offer freedom.”

My desire is that we, here at Broadway, are able to offer each other that same type of gift; space to heal and breathe and the freedom to grow and flow into and out of the challenges of life, with the assurance that we are loved and supported.

The women who make up the community of Magdalene work at Thistle Farms where they create aromatic and distilled healing oils derived from plants, which are then used in bath and body care products. Becca says, “Thistle Farms' products have become a means of selling hope and a cause. The products provide healing on many levels — both for those who create them and for those who use them. We can all claim to be healers on the journey.”

As we “journey together” I hope we understand that we can all be healers — as we

listen and share our stories — as we care for and stand for one another against oppression — as we celebrate and lament one with the other.

On August 31st our worship service will be a healing service. A healing service is a special time set aside to acknowledge and share the rigors of everyday living. In a healing service we are afforded the opportunity to let go of our fears and aloneness and let our spiritual connection with God and with our community provide balm for healing. In the worship service there will be a time to affirm God's healing presence in our lives. Theological affirmations remind us that God's desire for us is always one of healing and wholeness. We will hear healing scriptures, reminding us that Jesus healed through word and touch. There will be healing words in prayer, in testimony and in reflection. There will be anointing. The oil and touch make way for the presence of God, and often recuperative powers of mind, body and spirit are released. We will anoint with the healing oils from Thistle Farms. The directions say “apply liberally to feet, wrists, neck or heart. Invite healing through silence, meditation and prayer.”

So, as we move through July and August, find time to rest and revitalize and look forward to our time of healing on August 31st. Put it on your calendar and plan to be there.

Be safe and know that you are blessed.

Journeying Together,

Rev. Vernice L. Thorn

Broadway UMC Pastor, CWACM Clergy

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# July Mission Minute

The Mission Minute for July is the **Middle East Children's Alliance** (MECA; [www.mecaforpeace.org](http://www.mecaforpeace.org)). MECA is a nonprofit humanitarian aid organization based in Berkeley, California, that support childrens and families in Palestine, Iraq and Lebanon through:

- Direct aid including food, medicine, medical supplies, and clothes as well as books, toys and school supplies. Since 1988, they have sent more than \$19 million in aid to children in Palestine, Iraq and Lebanon
- Financial support and professional assistance to community organizations in the West Bank and Gaza that help meet Palestinian children's needs, including clinics, kindergartens, counseling centers, libraries; accessible parks and playgrounds; sports teams, and dance, music and art programs
- Educational and cultural programs in the US and internationally to increase understanding about the lives of children in the Middle East and the impact of US foreign policy on people in the region
- University scholarships for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank
- Providing clean water to children in Palestine by installing water purification and desalination units in schools and kindergartens in the Gaza Strip

**Mission Minute Sunday is July 13**, but you can donate throughout the month of July – make checks out to Broadway UMC and designate your check or envelope to “MECA” or “July Mission Minute.” You can also donate [online](#).

# August Mission Minute

The August Mission Minute is **Greater Chicago Broadcast Ministries** (GCBM; [www.gcbm.org](http://www.gcbm.org)). GCBM is an ecumenical media ministry of the Protestant, Orthodox, and Episcopal Churches with Emmy Award winning broadcast programming through Chicago's commercial television stations. **Different Drummers** is the longest running program produced for and about teens on CBS Channel 2, and **Sanctuary** on ABC WLS-TV Channel 7, airing at 11:30am Sunday mornings, is a ministry of topical religious issues. The studios donate their space and staff for production, but the remaining costs of production are funded from donations.

Programming includes religious, cultural topics and issues discussed with interfaith voices on critical issues in religion and culture. Different Drummers, which is produced at the CBS studios, is the only program in Chicago which features youth news and programs happening across the Chicagoland area. Our own Youth Lounge has been featured as part of youth ministries. Videos of all programming can be found on [www.youtube.com/differentdrummers](http://www.youtube.com/differentdrummers).

Media ministry is able to reach folks in their homes, at work or are in care facilities. Some of the recent programming has been *“Fracking Southern Illinois: faithful opposition...; Child Abuse; The Cross is Still Burning: journey of the KKK; Worker Justice; Gun Violence; What Refugees Think about the American Christmas Experience; Ethics Summit; Crosswalk: Sikh Killing; Queer Theology; Justice for our Neighbors: Immigration legal services, education & advocacy; My Sister's Keeper: HIV in Women of Color.*

**Mission Minute Sunday is August 10**, but you can donate throughout the month of August – make checks out to Broadway UMC and designate your check or envelope to “GCBM” or “August Mission Minute.” You can also donate [online](#). *This Mission Minute is brought to you by Charolette Lill and the Sowers.*

# Special Guest: Nelson Arambú

Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (crln.org) and Chicago Gay Liberation Network will be hosting Nelson Arambú, a prominent LGBT leader from Honduras, for 4 days in Chicago from **July 2-6, 2014**. At the invitation of the LGBT Working Group of the Honduras Solidarity Network USA, Nelson will be visiting New York for Gay Pride, Chicago, and Washington DC to meet with co-chair staffers of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus.

Over 120 LGBT Hondurans, including several top LGBT leaders, have been murdered since the 28 June 2009 military coup d'état in Honduras. As a result of the coup and repression, the Honduran LGBT have joined social movements of peasant farmers, students, Afro-Hondurans, indigenous people, teachers and trade unionists to resist the coup plotters and their successors, joining in massive public demonstrations marches flying their rainbow flags.



Nelson's visit is an important opportunity to raise awareness of the repression against LGBT persons in this nearby Central American nation, and the tenacious organizing efforts of the LGBT community to insist on political and social inclusion in Honduras together with other activist social movements in Honduras.

Nelson will bring an update from the struggle for LGBT Rights in Honduras on **Wednesday, July 2, from 7-9pm** at Berger Park Cultural Center (6205 N Sheridan). For info, call Gary Cozette at 773-350-3518. **Nelson will also be a guest speaker here at Broadway on Sunday, July 6.**

Mr. Nelson Arambú is a native of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He studied Anthropology at the Bolivarian University of Chile and the University of Buenos Aires through an academic program run by the Argentina-based sustainable development NGO Fundación Unida. Mr. Arambú has a postgraduate degree in Epidemiology from the *Universidad del Valle de Guatemala*, part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's Field Epidemiology Training Program. He currently conducts research on violence and health in Honduras for the Switzerland-based NGO Doctors Without Borders. From 2005 through 2013 he was re-

sponsible for the implementation of Central American operations for the Center for Health Studies at *Universidad del Valle de Guatemala*. His work there focused on sexually transmitted infections in female sex workers, men who have sex with men, transgender people, and people living with HIV.

In his role as human rights activist, Mr. Arambú co-founded two of Honduras' leading GLBT NGOs: *Asociación Colectivo Violeta* (in 1999) and *Asociación Kukulcán* (in 2003). He is currently a member of the Diversity Movement in Resistance, an agglomeration of LGBT NGOs and individuals, which in turn is part of the National Popular Resistance Front of Honduras. The latter is an umbrella group that, in the wake of Honduras' 2009 coup d'état, brought together peasants, afro-descendants, indigenous peoples, as well as members of the labor, women's rights, LGBT and other movements that traditionally have been excluded from shaping Honduras' fledging and fragile democracy. Mr. Arambú is a blogger and disseminates through social media and his own blog, complaints of violence directed at Honduras' current government's opposition, the country's lack of governance, and the dire socio-political situation of the country.

# Sunday Adult Education Hour

Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 10:15am** in the Pillow Room as we reflect on and discuss *The Book Of Awakening – “Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have”* by Mark Nepo. Mark is a poet and philosopher who has taught in the fields of poetry and spirituality for over 30 years. A cancer survivor, Nepo writes and teaches about the journey of inner transformation and the life of relationship.

## Children's Education Time



**Sundays at 11:15am.**

### Summer Schedule

We are looking for volunteers to help with Children's Education Time during the month of August. The planned curriculum is story hour and crafts. If you are interested in helping out during the month of August, please contact Pastor Thorn.

### Fall Schedule

Do you feel called to children's ministry? Each Sunday a team of two leads Children's Education Time, which begins right after the Time with Young Christians during the 11am service. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in working with our young people. There is a wonderful curriculum that we use and there is training and orientation to teach how to utilize and enhance the resource. The schedule of rotation is one Sunday every other month. If you are interested contact Pastor Thorn.

## Wednesday Night Live!

**Sanctuary Prayer** is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation.

**Guided Meditation** in the Sanctuary **at 6pm on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation.

**Education Hour** Janet Mock's Memoir *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More*. **Wednesdays in July, 7-8:30pm**. "I believe that telling our stories, first to ourselves and then to one another and the world, is a revolutionary act. It is an act that can be met with hostility, exclusion, and violence. It can also lead to love, understanding, transcendence, and community. I hope that my being real with you will help empower you to step into who you are and encourage you to share yourself with those around you." See flyer on page 9.

## ARWC Online!

This month, ARWC will again "meet" in an online component to include as many participants as possible. **On the second Tuesday of the month, July 8 and August 12**, we will convene virtually using Google hangouts. This model was tested in the fall with participants from around the country in a series led by activist Melanie Morrison. Please contact Ruthanne Swanson ([ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com)) with questions on how to join the hangout. We will also continue to meet in person after church on the **third Sunday of the month, July 20 and August 17**, concurrently with POC. We hope you can join us!

# Celebrating as Youth Lounge & CLASP Win Creative Ministry Grant Awards!

Youth Lounge and CLASP (Chicago LGBT Asylum Support Program) learned at Annual Conference that our grant proposals for the Creative Ministry Grants from the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church have been Awarded!

**Youth Lounge** will receive \$3,500 for the purpose of producing "Youth Lounge: Our Stories" a book of writing and art from the youth who attend Youth Lounge and YL 101. If you are interested in working on the project (helping youth with writing, editing, etc.),

please be in touch with Vincent Wiggins at [vincent@youthlounge.org](mailto:vincent@youthlounge.org) or Erica Chu at [ericachu@msn.com](mailto:ericachu@msn.com).

**CLASP** will receive \$3,900 for the purpose of establishing a Speakers' Bureau in collaboration with NIC's JFON (Justice For Our Neighbors) to help raise awareness about LGBTQ persons who seek asylum in the US as they flee countries of persecution. If you are interested in learning more about CLASP, please email Rev. Lois at [gizhilois@yahoo.com](mailto:gizhilois@yahoo.com).

## Welcome Jake and Janelle Ohlemiller!



Jake is a third-year Master of Divinity student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Originally from the St. Louis area, Jake attended college at Purdue University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering, became very curious about Jesus, and (very unexpectedly) discerned his call to ministry. As a college freshman, Jake became best friends with a fellow student named Janelle. Almost seven years later, in May 2014, the two celebrated their marriage. As a pastor-and-social-worker duo, Jake and Janelle aspire to serve rural communities in Indiana after Jake graduates from seminary in Spring 2015. In his free time, Jake loves very much to read, sing, engage in deep conversations, lose himself in thought, and share laughter with friends. He is excited to be part of the BUMC community this year!

# Annual Conference 2014 Report

Continuing the theme of “Who Is My Neighbor,” this year’s Annual Conference was a celebration! Broadway was represented by our appointed pastor, Lois; our two Lay Members to Annual Conference Diana Davis & MJ Grimshaw; and Steve Betzner, who serves on the Conference Council of Finance & Administration. Candidates for ministry T Nowacki and Connie Bryant joined us as we celebrated the Ordination Service: Bishop Sally Dyck preached as Broadway’s Krista Paradiso was Commissioned as an Elder and appointed to her first charge, Trinity UMC in Beverly.

Our Bishop spoke about her commitment to being in ministry with LGBTQ persons as well as her continuing emphasis on congregations becoming immigrant welcoming communities (as well as highlighting the need for immigration reform and an end to deportation), congregations learning Spanish as a second language, acts of repentance with our Native American sisters and brothers, and challenging every congregation to make children a priority.

Highlights of the three-days included:

- We collected hundreds of layette kit items dropped off to the Mission Truck for the Midwest Distribution Center! Thanks again to all who donated and to Satia Orange for shopping for Broadway!
- Keynote Presentation by Diana Butler Bass, who asked, “What is it we’re not seeing? What is in front of us now? What joy, what friendship, what surprise is awaiting us on our road now?” Click [here](#)<sup>1</sup> for the election survey graphic she referenced. Click [here](#)<sup>2</sup> for her first presentation on YouTube. Click [here](#)<sup>3</sup> for her second presentation.
- A Resolution passed “In Support of Marriage Equality and Pastors who minister to All God’s Children” (challenged from the floor by Rev. Scott Field if it complies with the *Book of Discipline* and a recent Judicial Council decision. Bishop Dyck will make a ruling on it in 30 days).
- Resolutions passed calling for a NIC Episcopal Task Force on Sustainability and for Restorative Justice
- At the MFSA/RMN dinner Chris Patterson of Ceasefire was awarded the Don Atkinson Award. The MFSA Award went to the Night Ministry for providing homeless youth with shelter and educational support. Rev. Frank Schaefer was the keynote speaker, talking about “fear” and how he found peace in the midst of his own fear.
- Our time together included voting for our region’s General Conference Delegation (for 2016) – we’re happy to announce that ALL the Reconciling-endorsed clergy candidates and most of the lay candidates were elected, continuing our Conference’s tradition of supporting progressive, inclusive voices in the Quadrennial Global Gathering.

For more info, see <http://www.umcnic.org/about-us/annual-conference-2014/>

<sup>1</sup> <http://publicreligion.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Romney-Obama-Coalitions-vs-Age-Groups-01.png>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGpc\\_aao0eQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGpc_aao0eQ&feature=youtu.be)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymiflj-7B2w&feature=youtu.be>

# Cake Sale



Save the Date! **July 6 from 12noon to 2pm.** Double Chocolate, Lemon Chiffon, Red, Velvet, Cheesecake, and Banana Pudding. \$1.50/slice or whole cake for \$6. Proceeds to support Broadway Church.

Thanks Lamar & friends for this Broadway Fundraiser!

# Calendar Notes

**July 6-19:** Rev. Vernice out of the office.

**July 20-27:** Spirit Lake Ministry Team in prayer this week: along with folks from the Euclid Ave UMC & Out of the Box Ministries congregations, they are in Spirit Lake, North Dakota, in ministry with the Dakotah Tribe! [www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org](http://www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org)

**July 24-27, July 30-August 8:** Rev. Lois out of the office.

**Saturday, August 16:** Kaleidoscope Choir Retreat

**Sunday, August 31:** Healing Service



# From Relationship Builders – Transitions...

We celebrate with our Office Manager **Alexia Rivera** and her husband Benjamin that they are expecting a baby August 1 – congratulations, Alexia & Ben!

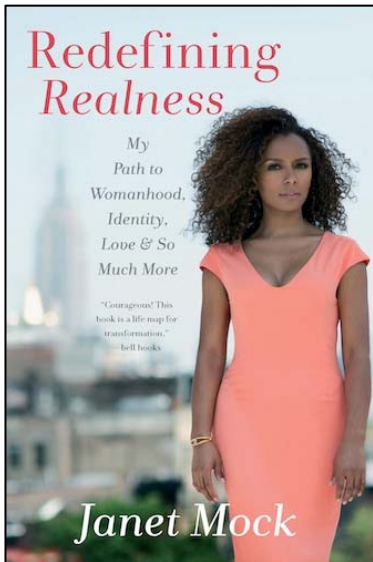
As there are several tasks that need to continue as Alexia is away for a Parental Leave, Relationship Builders has asked **Latoya Thorn** & **MJ Grimshaw** to fill in on some of the office management. Latoya & MJ will split up office hours and tasks.

Because Broadway does not have a Parental Leave policy in place, Alexia’s earned vacation time will allow her to take August off with pay; however, she will receive no income in September – so we are asking the congregation to help support her leave with a gift. Please see Anna DeShawn or other members of the Relationship Builders’ Team (Diana Davis, Chris Lewis, Victor Ponce, Keri Rainsberger, Elina Rodriguez) to contribute – *thanks!*

If you are on Broadway Connect, you saw that our custodian **Oscar Meza** left for Guatemala to be with his Mother as it was expected that she was near death. Many have asked about sending cards to Oscar – while we haven’t heard yet about his Mother, we invite you to write to Oscar c/o Broadway and we’ll give him the cards from the community when he returns. *Thanks for your prayers and care!*



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**Book Study**  
**Janet Mock’s Memoir**  
**Redefining Realness:**  
**My Path to Womanhood, Identity,**  
**Love & So Much More**

**Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**7-8:30pm**

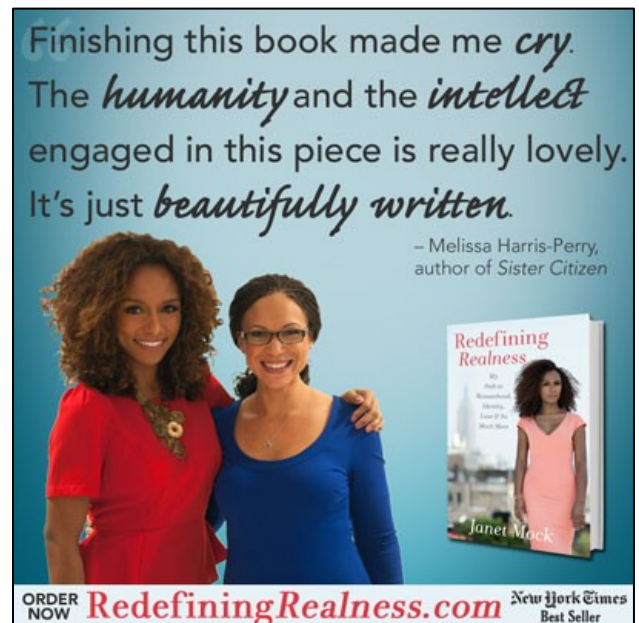
In a journey of self-revelation, Janet Mock writes: “My passage was an evolution from me to closer-to-me-ness.” “Being exceptional isn’t revolutionary, it’s lonely. It separates you from your community. Who are you, really, without community?”

*Courageous! Told with a spirit of raw honesty that moves beyond confession to redemptive revelation, this book is a life map for transformation—for changing minds. A heart-rending autobiography of love, longing, and fulfillment.*

~ bell hooks

*Janet Mock’s groundbreaking book is testimony to the remarkable progress trans people have achieved over the last decade – and shines a bright light on the work that still needs to be done. Mock’s clear, lucid prose will open hearts and minds, and further the goals of equality and justice—not just for trans people, but for everyone. Redefining Realness is loving, searing, and true.*

~ Jennifer Finney Boylan (*She’s Not There*)



# Digging Disciples

What a spring we are having! Heat, humidity & lots of rain! The flowers may be confused by the effects of August in June but the weeds are happy!

If you haven't noticed, we have made some changes in our back court yard planting! Thanks to the hard work & generosity of Chris Gent (8:45'er) of donated plants along with the extra plants thrown in from Gethsemane Garden Center, that section has been transformed into a low maintenance ornamental grasses & plants!

It took an enormous physical effort to remove the weeds, starting last fall

(Thank you Mel Bose for joining in) & continued last week before we could plant! With Clayton Parr pitching in on trimming the bushes, it is actually beginning to look good!

But with all great things created by God, it needs tender loving care! So, we are starting a Garden Club to care for our beloved BUMC! Whether you have experience in gardening or not and can give us a few hours or more a month (you can even pick your own hours to fit your schedule) we would love to have you on board!

Come Join us as a Digging Disciple for God!



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Please contact me by email: [mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net) or at 773.680.0857.

Thank You!

MJ Grimshaw

Property Caregivers, Chair

# Historical Notes

Taking over Mark Van Hying's duties is a daunting task! For years Mark has been caretaker of Broadway's history. Each month he wandered over Broadway's past and salvaged juicy items for *Historical Notes* that have amused and informed us. When Mark announced he was moving to Colombia, South America, somehow I volunteered.

That was my concern on June 15 as I entered Broadway. It was the deadline for Newsletter pieces. How would I find something to write about? Then I saw Mel Bose, a historical figure if ever there was one! "Are you going to the second service?" I asked, hoping I could talk to him later. "No," he said, "I'm on my way home, just coming from Sunday School. I went to the early service." So there you have Mel Bose, who has attended Sunday School at Broadway for over 60 years!

During the wonderful and inspiring service a visitor stood up and said he was David Simmons, visiting Chicago from Upstate New York with his wife Shirley. He said he attended Garrett Seminary and was a student assistant at Broadway from 1962 to 1964, when Glen Sutton was pastor. "Wow," I thought, "this is historical!" When we talked after the service he told me he'd never been back before. We went downstairs and looked at the stone walls that were left from the old church and tried to visualize the kitchen and other features of the old church. And he especially remembered Mel Bose – who was on his way home.

~ submitted by Fran Markwardt, Church Historian

# Step by Step for Equality

Supporting and Caring for Our Gender-Expansive Youth: Lessons from the Human Rights Campaign Youth Survey.

Age Group: 13-17 years old. 10,030 LGBT nationwide. These youth did not check the "male" or "female" box and instead checked transgender or wrote in a response. They make up about 10% of the survey.

Results show gender expansive youth face rejection, harassment, bullying, daily.

Home and family acceptance: 27%

Exclusion and harassment: 42%

On happiness: 4% happy, 9% unhappy

Sense of belonging: 30% not fitting in; 5% definitely fit in

More honest online than in the real world: 48%

Verbally harassed online: 25%

*Source: H.R.C. Equality Magazine, Late Winter 2014*

*~ submitted by Allies for Change*

Reminder: P.F.L.A.G. meets **the 3rd Sunday of each month from 2-4pm** at the Center on Halsted.

# 2014 Membership Directory



Broadway UMC members and constituents are invited to participate in our pictorial membership directory. We will be making them ourselves this year.

Please contact Latoya Thorn ([latoyathorn@gmail.com](mailto:latoyathorn@gmail.com)) to make an appointment to get your portrait taken.



# Happy summer!

# Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the September/October, 2014 issue of The Broadway are due **Sunday, August 17**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to [bumclakeview@gmail.com](mailto:bumclakeview@gmail.com). Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.





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**Sunday Worship at 8:45 and 11am**

## **Celebrating God's Love for ALL People**

### **BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”

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