



Join us for these LGBTQ+ affirming witnesses at **#riotx18** organized by the Rio Texas Reconciling Team. Clergy and laity, delegates and visitors, all LGBTQ+ and allies are welcome to participate!

SINGING WITNESS

Similar to last year, we are planning a non-disruptive witness at the end of a lunch break, as delegates head back into the hall for the afternoon plenary session. We will be singing, “What Does The Lord Require of You?” All welcome to join us—no singing experience necessary—on Friday 6/8 from 1:20pm (or as soon as you can arrive) until 2:00pm just outside the main plenary hall in the American Bank Center. Contact Lynda Rife, a lay leader at Oak Hill UMC for more details: Lrife@rifeline.com

ORDINATION SERVICE WITNESS

The Ordination Service is scheduled for 7pm on Friday 6/8. A group of witnesses wear all-black (or dark) clothing with rainbow stoles and sit together in a section off to one side of the auditorium. During the times that those to be commissioned or ordained are blessed, the witnesses stand silently for the duration of the blessing during this non-disruptive witness. All respectful participants are invited to join. Please meet us as close to 6:30pm as possible at the Selena Auditorium located upstairs in the American Bank Center. Forgot to wear black? Don't let that stop you from joining us!

The Rio Texas Reconciling Team developed this witness four years ago in support of **M Barclay**. This witness also honors the memory of **Gene Leggett**, who held a silent visual witness during the Southwest Texas Annual Conference (as the Rio Texas Annual Conference was formerly known) ordination service for many years after being stripped of his ordination. This witness is a safe and respectful expression for those who wish to call attention to a unjust situation. We plan to repeat this witness every year in memory of LGBTQ+ people who have been blocked from ordination or defrocked, until sexual orientation and gender identity are no longer a barrier for ordination and appointments in our conference. For more info about this witness, contact Joy Butler, a lay leader at Saint John's Austin: JoyLButler@gmail.com

TABLE WITNESS

Don't miss our table full of rainbow Reconciling swag in the convention exhibition hall! Learn how to start a welcoming conversation in your community, or just stop by for a friendly smile. Contact Rev. Nancy Mossman with any questions or ideas for next year's table: Nmossman@sbcglobal.net

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