

2020 ONA Winter Gathering – Break Outs



Break Out #1- "Talking back to Sex Negativity" – Presenter: Rev. Dr. Beverly Dale

Break Out #2: Our Whole Lives (OWL): OWL is a series of sexuality education programs for six age groups: grades K-1, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, grades 10-12, Young Adults and Adults. The resources are written by professional sexuality educators and provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to be used in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches. Presenter: **Rev. Kim Kendrick** enjoys sharing her gifts as Chaplain of Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdoerf, PA "Pastor Kim" prides herself on offering unique opportunities for youth to engage in a deep dive at the intersection of faith and the world. *F.U.E.L* (Faith Used in Everyday Life) is one of the signature programs that help youth examine and set their faith into action daily. Pastor Kim is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree and a Certificate in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Nationally, Pastor Kim is an authorized Trainer in the Our Whole Lives curriculum conducting workshops on Human Sexuality and Spirituality for Adults and Youth. In 2016 Pastor Kim was called upon to be the Chaplain for the National Youth Event in Orlando Florida and was the closing preacher during General Synod 2017.



Break Out #3: ONA 101 – This breakout will cover the basics of becoming an Open & Affirming Church. ONA churches will share their journey. Presenters: Steven Roush, Penn Central Conference's ONA Consultant and member of St. Paul's Mechanicsburg & Bethany Sweger, ONA Team, Colonial Park UCC, Harrisburg.

The Shower of Stoles will be on display. The Shower of Stoles is a collection of over a thousand liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of faith. These religious leaders have served in thirty-two denominations and faith traditions, in six countries, and on three continents. Each stole contains the story of a GLBT person who is active in the life and leadership of their faith community in some way: minister, elder, deacon, teacher, missionary, musician, administrator, or active layperson. This extraordinary collection celebrates the gifts of GLBT persons who serve God in countless ways, while also lifting up those who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The collection bears witness to the huge loss of leadership that the church has brought upon itself because of its own unjust policies.