

ELM Today: Viewer's Guide

We imagine diverse responses after watching this video. For some, it will sound a lot like their own story. For others, it may be a new story. Rather than just watching the video and thinking “how good it is that someone is doing something!” we hope this video inspires you (and perhaps your congregation) to get involved with Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and support LGBTQ people who are called to ministry in the Lutheran church.

Here are a few questions to start the conversation:

1. Do you know any LGBTQ pastors or seminarians? What has their journey to ministry been like? What unique gifts do they offer the church?
2. Do you know any LGBTQ people in your city, work, or church? Can you see any of these people as pastors or church leaders?
3. What would hinder you from considering an LGBTQ pastor or intern? Are those hindrances legitimate?
4. What fears come up?
5. What joys might you imagine?
6. What have been your experiences in risk-taking and change?
7. What might you pray about after seeing this video and having this discussion?
8. How can you as an individual or congregation support Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and the leaders in Proclaim?
9. What actions steps will you take as an individual or congregations after seeing this video?
10. Who else should see this video?

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