

**BMC AT 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**CINCINNATI, OH**

**SCN Briefing & Gathering – Wednesday, July 4 @ 3:00 - 4:15 pm**

**Location: Room 263**

To prepare for Annual Conference, this session will feature Kara Evans and her not-to-be-missed report and commentary from the Standing Committee meetings. Background papers dealing with the Compelling Vision, Michigan District Challenges, and COB Vulnerabilities will be shared, with time allotted for discussion and comments. This is a great opportunity to meet folks who value inclusion and welcome.

**We've Got a Fire Witness – Wednesday, July 4 @ 4:30 pm**

**Location: TBA**

Last year's "Heal the Space" worship was a powerful statement of courage and hope. Kimberly Koczan, Sarah Kinsel and Joanna Willoughby will lead us in a service of song and ritual to help heal our weariness and prepare us for our time at Conference. The witness will be in a public space yet to be determined, but most likely near the business hall.

**BMC Worship: *Compelled* - Friday, July 6 @ 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Location: Room 262**

Each year, the BMC worship offers a space for the LGBTQ and allied community to come together to celebrate, uplift and strengthen one another in the context of worship. We welcome Elizabeth Ullery Swenson, Pastor at WildWood Gathering in Olympia, WA, as our preacher. WildWood was recognized as a new fellowship at last year's Annual Conference, an act of protocol that was later rescinded because of conservative outrage. Liz will share about her experience as a queer pastor in her sermon, *Compelled*.

**Building Inclusive Congregations for Tomorrow – Saturday, July 7 @ 8:30 pm**

**Location: Room 202**

In this OEP sponsored insight session, Brian Flory and Carol Wise will lead a conversation about the power of the welcoming movement for the church and congregational life.

**BMC Booth**

**Location: Exhibit Hall**

We're back for another year! Here is a place to hang out with interesting people, learn more about BMC, and pick up some good resources for you or your congregation. See you there!

**SCN/LGBTQ Chaplains**

BMC and the Supportive Communities Network are providing chaplaincy service for anyone who needs a supportive presence during Annual Conference. Kim McDowell (University Park COB) is coordinating this effort. You may identify SCN pastors and LGBTQ leaders by their rainbow lanyards. Chaplains on duty may be reached by calling Kim McDowell at 301-675-1541 or by going to the Annual Conference Office.

**PLEASE JOIN US – BRING A FRIEND!**