

Angie Cox Reflection Questions

From Angie Cox:

homophobia (noun) - negative attitudes towards homosexual people and homosexuality which may be manifested in discrimination, hostile behavior, or hate crimes¹

1. According to the definition shared, where and in what ways have you seen or participated in expressing homophobia in your life and/or congregation? Or, what ways have you countered homophobia?

1 - <https://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/oi/authority.20110803095943403>

2. According to The Trevor Project, LGBTQIA+ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers.² Anecdotally, this is often the result of religious intolerance.

What role does the Church have in decreasing this number, and how might we do better?

2 - <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/article/facts-about-lgbtq-youth-suicide/>

3. The Book of Discipline affirms that “all persons are of sacred worth,”³ yet LGBTQIA+ individuals are regularly maligned and discouraged from being active in both local congregations and, by rule, in leadership.

How do you see sacred worth being affirmed in spaces where individuals are denied participation in the life of their churches?

³ - ¶ 4. Article IV. Inclusiveness of the Church