



#MeToo Synod Gathering:

**An Opportunity for
Empowerment and Restoration
in the Era of #MeToo**

Are you a woman employed in any capacity by a congregation in the Presbytery of Great Rivers (Synod of Lincoln Trails) and who is inspired by the #MeToo movement?

Would you welcome an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings with other women about #MeToo and its importance for working in the church?

Are you interested in exploring how to empower church employed women to go forward with highly valued and essential responsibilities?

Let's talk about how we take care of ourselves and support women who have experienced/are experiencing sexual harassment and/or abuse in the church.

Two Synod-sponsored gatherings will be offered for women who are currently employed by churches in Lincoln Trails.

The first #MeToo Gathering will be **Feb 11-13**
[Wooded Glen Retreat and Conference Center - Henryville IN.](#)

The second #MeToo Gathering will be **March 4-6**
[Hampton Inn & Suites - Bloomington-Normal IL.](#)

Each #MeToo Gathering will be limited to **30 participants** .

Both will be professionally facilitated by the LeaderWise staff and psychologists Ph.D.s, Caroline Burke and Krista Redlinger-Grosse.

The Revs. Sara Dingman, Synod Executive, and Sue Krummel, Executive Presbyter, will serve as supportive hosts and chaplains.

An Overview Of Our Time Together:

We invite you to arrive Sunday night (starting at 7:00 p.m.) for an informal reception with appetizers and beverages. Get to know each other, meet your facilitators, and get a good night's sleep in your restful single or double room.

On Monday we will gather throughout the morning, afternoon and early evening. The schedule will be an intentional blend of structured and unstructured activities. We will gather in large and small groups, with some open space as well for reflection and restoration. While the topic may be heavy, expect there to be laughter too.

On Tuesday morning we will regather, more briefly, and then depart about 11:00 a.m.

These events are being substantially underwritten by the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Participants' all-inclusive costs will be \$50 (total) for a double room and \$100 (total) for a single room. Scholarships will be available.

To give everyone an equal opportunity to apply, applications will be confidentially received starting Monday morning, January 15th, at 10:00a.m. Eastern/9:00a.m. Central.

To apply, please send a brief e-mail to metoosynod@gmail.com

Please provide:

- Your name
- Name and location of your church of employment
- Your position at the church, and whether you are full or part time
- Whether you wish to attend the Feb 11-13 (Wooded Glen) or Mar 4-6 (Bloomington, IL) event
- Can you commit to arriving Sunday p.m. and staying until 11.00 a.m. Tuesday?
- Would you like a single room (\$100 total) or a double room (\$50 total)? Will you need a scholarship?
- Any dietary restrictions? (We'll do our best to accommodate)
- Anything else we should know?

Expect to receive a confirmation e-mail from the Synod, no later than January 22 for the first event and Feb 1 for the second event.

You may also e-mail Sara Dingman at sara@lincolntrails.org with any questions.

There is considerable interest in this event - since space is limited, please register promptly!



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