

SACReD is delighted to welcome the newest member of the SACReD Team, Rev. Lyndsey Godwin (she/they), as the Program Operations Coordinator!

Lyndsey brings 20 years of relational capacity building in community, non-profit, and educational settings and a demonstrated commitment to building trust and anti-racist practice at the intersections of faith, reproductive freedom, and queer and trans liberation. SACReD is excited that they will bring concrete support to our Co-Directors & steering committee, helping to build a firm foundation for SACReD's vital work.

Read more about Lyndsey below. Join us in celebrating their new role with <u>a note of welcome!</u>



Rev. Lyndsey Godwin (she/they)

Lyndsey's life and work is shaped by the contradictions she experienced in the small, rural Ohio church where she grew up. These incongruities seeded a lifetime of questions about what it means to build a world that truly reflects justice and liberation.

Lyndsey grew up very Presbyterian in rural Ohio, but at a time when the Presbyterian Church didn't have space for a queer minister focused on questions of justice. They were welcomed into Glendale Baptist, a progressive baptist congregation, for their Divinity School internship where they planted unexpected roots through youth and community-based ministry. Each year she works with a group of progressive baptist and UCC ministers to co-create BYC Youth Camp, and in 2019 she was ordained to continue her work as a community minister focused on the places where faith connects to reproductive freedom, trans and queer liberation, and anti-racist practice.

Lyndsey brings 20 years of anti-oppression education, facilitation, capacity building, and relational organizing to SACReD Dignity. They have worked as the Manager of Education at Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee, the Assistant Director of the <u>Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality at Vanderbilt Divinity School</u>, and the Manager of Capacity Building at GLSEN. They were one of the founding directors of <u>Nashville Launch Pad</u>, an LGBTQ+ affirming emergency shelter for youth 18-24, and they serve on the Board of Directors for <u>SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective</u>.

Lyndsey is white, feminist and queer, and is southern by the way of y'all. They live on the land of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi outside of Durham, North Carolina. Lyndsey has a Masters of Divinity and Certificate in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality from Vanderbilt Divinity School. Her work is informed by relationships with and the wisdom of Black feminists, womanists, radical trans activists, indigenous and liberationist theologians, and queer visionaries.