

Queering Liturgy

Convener: The Rev. Daniel Rodriguez Schlorff (daniel@schlorff.com) serves as Senior Minister of Third Congregational Church in Middletown, Connecticut.

Members in Attendance: Stephanie Budwey, Bryan Cones, Scott Haldeman, Jason McFarland, Marcia McFee, J. Michael McMahon, Geoffrey Moore, Daniel Rodriguez Schlorff

Visitors: Chris DaSilva, Maren Haynes Marchesini

Description of Work: The Queering Liturgy Seminar celebrated the publication of a book, which was birthed in our seminar. *Queering Christian Worship: Re-constructing Liturgical Theology* was published by Church Publishing and speaks across traditions.

Papers and Presentations:

- Stephanie A. Budwey: “Liturgies of Livability or Liturgical Violence: What Kind of Space Is Christian Congregational Song Creating for LGBTQIA2S+ and Nonbinary People?”
- Scott Haldeman, Stephanie A. Budwey, Bryan Cones, and Jason J. McFarland: Discussion of salient points of the book *Queering Christian Worship*, the publication process, and perceived growing edges.
- W. Scott Haldeman, Stephanie A. Budwey, Jason J. McFarland (and Lis Valle-Ruiz, in absentia): Brief presentation of “Contemplating Queer Futures for Liturgical Studies: A Conversation” published in *Liturgy* 38:1 (2023): 24-32.

Other Work and Plans for the Future: Prior to 2025, the Seminar is reaching out to seminaries and divinity schools that have a strong LGBTQIA+ representation to solicit fresh voices for seminar presentations.

In January 2025, Queering Liturgy has plans for two joint sessions with the Feminist Studies in Liturgy Seminar.

Beyond 2025, the Seminar will look to voices in Asia, Africa, and South America to draw upon more diverse creativity for a second volume of *Queering Christian Worship*. This will be a process of creating cross-continental relationships, first and foremost, followed potentially by a second volume.