

# Queering Liturgy

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**Members in Attendance:** Stephanie Budwey, Bryan Cones, Don Lasalle, Michael McMahon, Jason McFarland, Daniel Rodriguez Schlorff, Lis Valle-Ruiz

**Visitors in Attendance:** Jill Maria Murdy, Jordan Sandrock, Matthew Ryan Sevier, Marissa Sotos, Matthew Webb

**Description of Work:** The work of this year's Queering Liturgy Seminar could be described as "Theme and Variations." The three presenters riffed off of established liturgies in order to create new knowledge, new accessibility, and new forms of worship.

## **Papers and Presentations:**

- Lis Valle-Ruiz: "Sara Sofía Begins Her Journey ... and Other Stories."
- Jason McFarland: "Queered Liturgical Feast of Creation."
- Matthew Sevier: "Towards an Indecent Theology of Worship: Analysis of Liturgy in Honor of Maria Althaus-Reid."

**Other Work and Plans for the Future:** With a hiatus of the Feminist Studies in Liturgy Seminar, the Queering Liturgy Seminar has considered expanding its focus to include discussion of gender in liturgy as well as sexuality. Therefore, a possible name change for the seminar might be in order: Gender and Sexuality in Liturgy.