

TRANSBLESSING

Digital conference 16-17 october 2021

No participation fee
- The conference will be held in English

Welcome to TRANSBLESSING

a conference for, about and by transgender, nonbinary and gender conforming Christian under the age of 30.

Here is some information that could be great to know. The platform for the conference will be Zoom. It's a good thing to download the app to your device if you don't have it already. (Download from Appstore or Google play or www.zoom.us). There will be a short introduction to zoom if anyone is unfamiliar with that. Make sure to have food and drinks arranged before the conference starts. You will have time to eat and take breaks, but not a lot of time to prepare your meal.

For our safety it's good if you log on approximately half an hour before we start so we can check that you are who you say you are and that you are supposed to have access to the meeting.

We will pray and worship together so it could be nice if you have a candle to light or something else to help you wherever you are.

The conference will be moderated from a studio in Vasteras, Sweden and we hope that we have an interesting program for us all but most of all we hope to meet new friends.

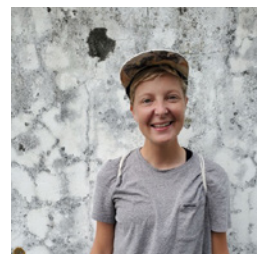
Saturday 16th October

- 12:30 Check in
- 13:00 Welcome, Introduction, Basic Zoom
- 13:15 Sermon, Preacher Charlie Sjogren
- 14:00 Break
- 14:15 Get to know each other - We meet in groups of three
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 Bible talk - Emanuel Johansson
- 16:00 Break
- 16:15 Workshops - ① We write prayers together with Julian Eriksson ② Talk together with Charlie Sjogren
- 17:00 Time for preparing food
- 17:15 Eat together with Ann-Christine Ruuth and Grace Ferris
- 18:00 Speech from Bishop Megan Rohrer
- 19:00 Evening prayer

Sunday 17th October

- 09:45 Check in
- 10:00 Morning prayer
- 10:15 Space for participants
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Speech from Alex Claire-Young
- 11:15 Lets talk about it
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Workshops: ① Nino Mick - Poetry ② Sophie Labelle - Cartoons
- 13:45 Break
- 14:00 Talk together with Ann-Christine Ruuth - How it is to be Christian and trans
- 14:45 Break
- 15:00 Song for the Holy Other
- 15:45 Break
- 16:00 Transblessing - Closing worship

People that you will meet:

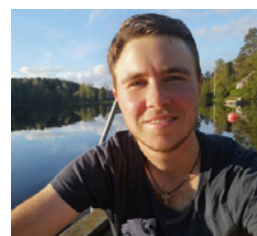


Oliver Jahnke
Oliver (they/them) is a 27 year old from Gothenburg, Sweden who loves theatre, movies, horses and traveling. They grew up in a small protestant parish where

they were involved as a youth and music leader, but they're now more committed to an organization for LGBTQIA+ christians.

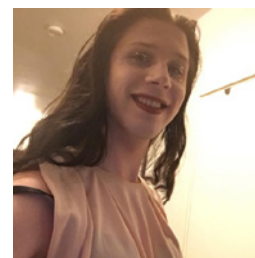
Julian Eriksson

Julian is a nonbinary transmasculine 30-year old who is passionate about words and plants. They work in healthcare, as well as study public health in preparation of one day becoming a deacon in the Church of Sweden.



Emanuel Johansson
Emanuel is a 27 year old, transmasculine person, who grew up in a conservative Christian family and has been active in

church their whole life. Six years ago, they realized that they were trans and they have been sharing their journey and thoughts on being trans and Christian in a book and also done some public speaking.



Leonora Cronander

Leonora is a 26 year old trans woman (she/her) who discovered her identity through a community from the Swedish church. She has a passion for

theology, gaming and musical composition.

Nino Mick

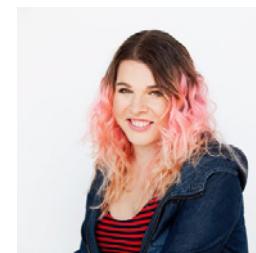
Nino Mick is a Spoken Word poet based in Gothenburg, Sweden. A performer since 2014, Nino has performed in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, France and UK, as well as in Spain through link. Performs in Swedish and English. How can we reach and create a language that comfort the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable? Together with poet Nino Mick we write prayers, poems and stories.



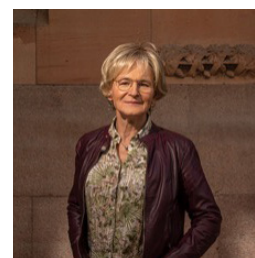
Sophie Labelle

Sophie Labelle is the French-Canadian author of Serious Trans Vibes / Assigned Male comics, which she has been drawing since 2014.

She is also the author of several children's books and novels, as well as a public speaker. She gives talks and lectures to a large array of audiences, from kindergarten groups to university students.



Ann-Christine Ruuth



Born 1952 in a small village in Sweden and identified as male. She became a priest in the Church of Sweden 1978. She came out as herself during her time working in a parish. She is now an

inspirational speaker who loves to spread more knowledge about trans and about church.

Grace Ferris

Deacon Grace Ferris (she/her) is pastor of the Saint Wilgefortis TransMISSION, an online church for the transgender community in the United States. The mission is a project of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America (CACINA), an independent, open and affirming Catholic church. Clergy and members



of CACINA parishes come from diverse backgrounds; many themselves identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community. Before coming to CACINA, Ferris was a Southern Baptist minister. She came out as transgender last year, and is currently transitioning. She was ordained a CACINA deacon as Gary, and will be ordained a priest as Grace. Living in Upstate New York (about 110 km north of New York City), she has five grown children and the cutest granddaughter imaginable.

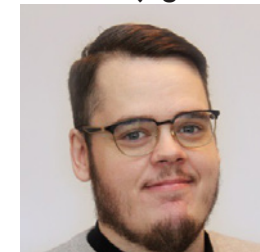
The Catholic Apostolic Church was established by Bishop Carlos Duarte Costa in Brazil in 1945 when Duarte Costa, a former Roman Catholic bishop, broke away from the Roman church. Currently among the largest churches in Brazil, CACINA has 17 parishes and missions in the United States.

Megan Rohrer

Megan Rohrer (born April 3, 1980) is an American pastor, bishop, and activist. Rohrer (who uses gender-neutral singular they pronouns) is the first openly transgender minister to be ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. On May 8, 2021, Rohrer was elected bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, becoming the first openly trans person to serve as bishop of a major U.S. Christian denomination.



Charlie Sjogren



Charlie is priest in the Church of Sweden in a parish in Gothenburg. Charlie works actively to include trans persons in worship and in the life of the congregation.

Alex Claire Young

I am a URC minister; consultant, facilitator; writer and speaker.

I am passionate about disrupting binary debate and celebrating diverse authenticity. I have lived experience of intersectionality

as a neurodivergent trans person of faith, and authenticity is central to my vocation.

I believe that my moving beyond binaries and working together we can curate creative communities of love and justice. My pronouns are just my name (Alex), or they/them.

