

Supplemental Episode Information

"Having Faith in Yourself"
with the Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer

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The Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer is the first openly transgender pastor ordained in the Lutheran church. They have been the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in San Francisco as well as the Community Chaplain Coordinator for the San Francisco Police Department. Additionally, Megan has served for over a decade as a chaplain for the homeless and hungry in San Francisco. Most recently Megan was featured on the six season of Netflix's Queer Eye.

Episode Notes:

- Megan Rohrer on Instagram-@mmrohrer
- [National Coalition for the Homeless](#)
- [Megan Rohrer's books on Amazon](#) (I mention the book Queerly Lutheran.)

Links:

- [Link to episode on Soundcloud](#)
- [Link to episode on Apple Podcasts](#)
- [Link to Rev. Dr. Rohrer's website](#)

Relevant Terms, Topics, or Courses

- Gender
- Religion
- Gender binary
- Queer
- LGBTQ+
- Sociology of Religion

Classroom Discussion Questions:

1. In the interview the Rev. Dr. Megan Rohrer talks about being Lutheran as a call to do good while we are living. Discuss this comment. How did/does your religious teaching approach daily life? What (if any) actions do you do on a regular basis that are prompted by your faith?

2. Is religion always something that we do for ourselves? Or is it motivated by other forces?
3. Discuss Megan's reaction to the question "What gives you hope?" They talk about heading out into nature as one practice, as well as looking at how far LGBTQ+ people have come in society. Then, answer the question for yourself, "What gives you hope?"
4. Megan talks about the church not being the main culprit in promoting inequality, rather the people who run it. What would faith, and communities based in faith, look like if they were as diverse as the people in a society? What would change? What would be some challenges?

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