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Evolving Faith Brings Back In-Person Attendees for Conference in 2023.

Lompoc, Ca., Sept. 24, 2022 - The Evolving Faith 2023 Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church on October 13 and 14. What is new in 2023 is the return to in-person conference attendees. Evolving Faith's goal is to have about 1,000 in-person attendees while simultaneously hosting the virtual conference like they did in 2019 so that those around the world can attend as well. Jeff Chu said, "While COVID-19 remains a concern, it is safer to return to a limited in-person conference but continue to prioritize the virtual conference to the world-wide audience". Sarah Bessey, Co-Creator and Co-Leader, and Jeff Chu, Co-Leader, and the entire Evolving Faith team are putting together a group of speakers for the conference that are going to challenge attendees to grow in their faith and continue their pursuits of justice, inclusion, and reshaping how one defines Christianity and the Church.

- The Evolving Faith Conference is a two-day, all-day conference with breakout sessions on Saturday.
- The videos for the 2023 conference will continue to be online after the conference through mid-January so that conference attendees have plenty of time to watch all the conference talks.
- Tickets will go on sale October 15th, 2022, and will be \$129 per attendee.
- Group tickets will go on sale in May 2023 and the tier of prices for group tickets will remain the same as 2022.
- Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Evolving Faith also hosts a community on Mighty Networks that provides a different space for folks to connect and continue their conversations with fellow wanderers, wonderers, and spiritual refugees. Evolving Faith is an open and affirming, progressive community and it has designated spaces for those who identify as LGBTQ+, BIPOC, neurodivergent, and disabled. It is a place to ask questions and to learn different ways of thinking than the traditional evangelical spaces offer. Bessey said, "Our vision for Evolving Faith, our selves, and folks is about embodied, living hope in the world, what we really truly believe about the nature and character of God, and how we love, care for, and create belonging with and justice for one another."

About Evolving Faith

Evolving Faith is a for-profit organization specializing in an annual conference and a community space year-round for people who have found themselves disillusioned by the faith that they grew up in or were taught from. It is a space that is intended to offer respite to those who have been on the margins of Church spaces, or who have asked questions and not found answers. Evolving Faith is fully affirming of the LGBTQ+ community, justice, and inclusion warriors, and is committed to making space for voices of all of those not traditionally heard in evangelical spaces to be heard.

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