



The **Beloved Community Incubator** received its first-ever grant from the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\)](#) in FY 2020-2021. The grant was for \$50,000.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Archdiocese of Washington	Beloved Community Incubator, Inc.	EDP - Business Incubator & Marketplace	50,000.00

The Beloved Community Incubator (BCI) was created by a protestant church called the Luther Place Memorial Church. The idea was conceived in 2016 and then formally proposed as a project in 2018. A month after being proposed, it received a \$50,000 grant from Luther Place, where it is still headquartered.

At issue is the fact that its parent organization, Luther Place Memorial Church, is both pro-abortion and pro-homosexual. This ideology is carried through the leadership of the organization and trickles out through the organization itself.

### Created by Luther Place Memorial Church

BCI states on the ["History" portion of its website](#) that Luther Place Memorial Church launched what it called a "listening campaign" after the 2016 presidential elections. After two years of testing the waters, BCI was formally launched in 2018. In February of 2018, [Luther Place published an FAQ](#) on the idea of an "incubator" organization, indicating that while financially separate from the church, Luther Place "Provides talent, space, and catalyst for the project," while the Incubator would provide "soft relationship building for Luther Place." While it is

written into the organizational flow-chart establishing the relationship between Luther Place and BCI, there is a disclaimer that says: "Increasing Sunday morning worship attendance is a welcome consequence, not an intended benefit"

On [March 6, 2018](#), Luther Place announced the \$50,000 grant for the launching of BCI.

On [December 22, 2019](#), Luther Place's bulletin listed Bianco Vasquez, BCI Director, under Luther Place Staff.

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Luther Place's [2020 Annual Report](#) stated on page 21, under the heading "Finance" and "2019 Activity" that "Luther Place served as the fiscal agent for the Beloved Community Incubator." Beginning on page 30 is a 3-page report on the activities of BCI, at the end of which, the BCI report states, "We are so proud of the work that we have been able to complete under these trying times and are grateful for the continued support of Luther Place Memorial Church."



## Finance

Members: Kate Wulff, Treasurer; Tara Hogan, President; Tom Randall, Chair, Julie Hamre, and Andrew McIlroy (We would love some new members!)

### **2019 Activity**

There is good news about the congregation's financial activity in 2019. Church activity (LP operations, Steinbruck Center, and ArtSmart Camp) ended the year with a cash surplus of \$50,000, thanks to the very successful Steinbruck Center program. Congregational offering exceeded budget by nearly \$6,000. In addition, Luther Place served as the fiscal agent for the Beloved Community Incubator, which closed the year with a surplus of \$46,255.

BCI was also included in [Luther Places' 2021 Annual Report](#). BCI executive director, Bianca Vasquez, provided three pages of reported activities and progress made by the organization, ending with the announcement of its new grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

"We are so proud of the work that we have been able to complete under these trying times and are grateful for the possibility of partnership with funders such as CCHD. "

The address for Luther Place Memorial Church is 1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC, and it is interesting to note that not only is BCI headquartered at this address, but [so is DC Jobs with Justice](#), an organization that is stridently [Marxist](#), [pro-abortion](#), and [pro-LGBT](#) (including [same-sex "marriage"](#)), and Metro IAF, an Industrial Foundations Initiative, which was founded by the notorious Saul Alinsky.

## Businesses in the same location

Business Name	Address
Urbanmatters Development Partners LLC	1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC 20005
Luther Place Memorial Church	1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC 20005
Thomas Circle Singers (the)	1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC 20005
Dulce Hogar Cleaning Cooperative, LLC	1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC 20005
Metro Iaf, Inc	1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC 20005
Dc Jobs With Justice	1226 Vermont Ave Nw, Washington, DC 20005

### Pro-Abortion and Pro-LGBT Ideology of Luther Place Memorial Church

As you've seen, not only was BCI the creation of Luther Place, but BCI's executive director was once established as a Luther Place employee, BCI is still headquartered at Luther Place, and Luther Place itself continues to illustrate the symbiotic relationship BCI has with Luther Place. It was necessary to establish the deep connection between Luther Place Memorial Church and BCI because Luther Place is pro-abortion and pro-LGBT.

In [October of 2021](#), Luther Place posted about "banned books week," spotlighting several books for children about "consent," as well as other books on "reproductive justice." The post celebrates marches "in support of abortion access," and "reproductive justice."





Luther Place

October 2, 2021 · 🌐



Saturday School falls in the middle of Banned Books week, and at the start of Domestic Violence Awareness month. Juxtaposed are censorship and relationships; state violence and interpersonal violence. Our Scripture readings center covenants in contrast to religious law, messages of stewarding the earth, building community following enslavement, consuming tragedy and hopelessness, and Jesus welcoming children. These stories interlace questions of what God's activities mean within human relationships, and who and what can be modeled as healthy and safe relationships and images of God. This week includes the seventeenth birthday of Ma'Khia Bryant, Hispanic Heritage Month, a day of honoring the ongoing violent legacy of the residential school system and the more the 6,000 indigenous children whose unmarked graves have been uncovered. This week includes the closing of a California prison. This week includes testimony before Congress opposing SB 8, and marches all over the country in support of abortion access. This week includes R Kelly and Sarah Everard in the news. In 1994 Black Feminists introduced Reproductive Justice as a framework that centered themselves, and as a reminder that human rights transcend constitutional rights. We bring these converging threads into our faith formation as we practice learning and relating to our context today, and all that it includes. We are challenged to elevate covenants as we cultivate healthy relationships, and to resist expressions of violence that have been planted in and around us, including within our faith traditions. We are invited to follow children's exploration of God, to heal and nurture our own inner child, and to build collective safety. We commit to learning how to renew our curiosity, care and accountability intentionally.

In a [2021 broadcast](#) of what Luther Place calls "vespers," the woman in vestments giving the sermon starts talking about the debate on Roe v. Wade. During the sermon, she provides the [1991 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) (of which [Luther Place is a member](#)) statement on abortion, which gives the following declarations:

- "An abortion is morally responsible in those cases in which continuation of a pregnancy presents a clear threat to the physical life of the woman."
- "A woman should not be morally obligated to carry the resulting pregnancy to term if the pregnancy occurs when both parties do not participate willingly in sexual intercourse. This is especially true in cases of rape and incest."
- "There are circumstances of extreme fetal abnormality, which will result in severe suffering and very early death of an infant. In such cases, after competent medical consultations, the parent(s) may responsibly choose to terminate the pregnancy."
- Because of our conviction that both the life of the woman and the life in her womb must be respected by law, this church opposes:
  - the total lack of regulation of abortion;
  - legislation that would outlaw abortion in all circumstances;
  - laws that prevent access to information about all options available to women faced with unintended pregnancies;
  - laws that deny access to safe and affordable services for morally justifiable abortions;
  - mandatory or coerced abortion or sterilization;
  - laws that prevent couples from practicing contraception;

- laws that are primarily intended to harass those contemplating or deciding for an abortion.

In addition to being pro-abortion, Luther Place is also promoting transgender ideologies for children, and LGBT activism.

In this [November 2021 post](#) on facebook, Luther Place celebrated "Trans Awareness week" by posting a video read aloud hosted by the pro-same-sex "marriage" organization, Human Rights Campaign. Luther Place's posting, and the read aloud, promoted transgender propaganda a book directed at children titled, "[Calvin](#)." The book is about a young girl that believes herself to be a boy, and when she announces to her family that she's a boy, her "loving family" take her to buy boy's clothing and get her a boy's haircut.



Luther Place

November 21, 2021 · 🌐



In recognition of Trans Awareness week, and yesterday as Trans Day of Remembrance, we invite you to engage a read aloud of "Calvin" by JR and Vanessa Ford. We celebrate gender as expansive and beloved, and we honor Trans, non-binary and gender fluid people in every aspect of their sacredness. We pray to unlearn violent ideas, violent behaviors, and theologies that make trans people less safe, and we learn theologies that invite us to love each other better.

[https://youtu.be/Olyf\\_mgC1P0](https://youtu.be/Olyf_mgC1P0)



In [November of 2019](#), Luther Place welcomed "GenOUT," a DC-based high school chorus of LGBTQ+ students.





Luther Place

November 16, 2019 · 🌐



JOIN US tomorrow at 10:30am in welcoming GenOUT!

The GenOUT Chorus, founded in 2015 as an outreach ensemble of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC, has a two-fold mission to give LGBTQ+ and allied youth a voice and to connect that voice to community. GenOUT's current 24 singers hail from 19 schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. The ensemble has performed at the Lincoln Theatre, Kennedy Center, White House, and Library of Congress. Last October, GenOUT sang at the National Cathedral for Matthew Shepard's interment service. GenOUT is under the direction of Dr. Paul Heins, Associate Conductor of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC.



### **Beloved Community Incubator and Leadership**

Again, it was necessary to establish where BCI came from in order to see what it is now. BCI itself promotes homosexuality and transgenderism on social media, and its leaders are involved in promoting grave moral evils as well.

On [July 16, 2021](#), BCI posted a call for people to "support trans Latina street vendor's gender affirmation surgery recovery and petcare."





Beloved Community Incubator

July 16, 2021 · 🌐



Rosy is a street vendor in DC and could use some support in taking care of her sweet puppies and ordering food while she recovers from her gender affirmation surgery next week. She is a leader in organizing the street vendors in DC and a beloved community member.

Our starting goal is \$250 to make sure her dogs get taken care of! Rosy needs the funds by July 21st, so please share widely in your networks to get her support. Rosy is always looking out for others, let's shine that love back on her. Venmo: @rosysulay

Image description. White font on purple background. A picture of paw prints in white, a picture of a star whose tail are the pink, blue and white trans flag colors, the trans flag surrounded by stars, and a dog licking the screen with the words 'thank you' above its head frame the image. In the center of the image is a Latina trans woman smiling, holding her fluffy yorkie terrier.

Text reads: Support trans Latina street vendor's gender affirmation surgery recovery and petcare Venmo: @rosysulay. Goal: \$250"

## Support trans Latina street vendor's gender affirmation surgery recovery and petcare



**Venmo: @rosysulay**



**Goal: \$250**



[BCI's own website](#) states that it works toward "freedom and liberation for ... queer and trans people."

[Bianca Vazquez](#) is BCI's Program Director, and she has several posts promoting homosexuality and transgenderism.

## BCI WORKERS



Bianca Vazquez (she/her), Program Director

Bianca Vazquez is a community organizer who has lived and worked in Washington, DC for ten years. After the 2016 election, neighborhood listening sessions led her to engage small micro-business projects with local residents, which led to the founding of BCI. She believes in the power of worker-ownership to substantially transform communities and the economy. Bianca has been trained by the Industrial Areas Foundation and Cooperation Works, a national network made up of organizational and individual members working in cooperative development. Her favorite question is, "To whom have you been given to love?"

In [October of 2016](#), Vazquez posted fundraiser in support of LGBT youth.



Bianca Vazquez

October 5, 2016 · 🌐



Hey friends! Love the gays? Care about young people and college access? Looking for an awesome cause to donate to?

Our friends at [Tagg Magazine](#) (& a lovely coach in my life [Eboné Bell](#)) are raising money for a scholarship for queer women of color. Donate if you can (and you get an awesome t-shirt!) ps - of the two recipients per year, one will be a DMV resident.



**tagg** magazine



BOOSTER.COM

[Click here to support Tagg Magazine for Tagg Scholarship Fund](#)

[Buy a shirt and support LGBTQ youth](#)

In [March of 2017](#), she posted a promotional poster for "Queer South."



In [August of 2017](#), she posted a pro-abortion, pro-LGBT poster.





In [October of 2017](#), she promoted a course directed at LGBTQ people.



**Bianca Vazquez**

October 14, 2017 · 🌐



Queer friends (and friends of ours)! My roommate is getting ready to get an awesome community project off the ground!! A six session class on altering clothes for lgbt people (think making bowties, making your men's shirt fit your body, etc etc).

We're getting ready and asking for donations. Do you have any of the following you need to get rid of: sewing machines, thread, extra fabric, and monies. Or your participation!



**Free & Queer Mending**

Education

[Megan Felix Macareag](#) is BCI's Organizing Director, and goes by the pronouns "they/them." On social media, she actively promotes homosexuality and transgenderism, and even "likes" revolutionist, transgender, and satanic entities on facebook.






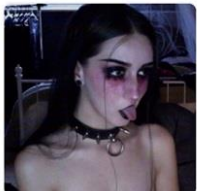




Megan Felix Macaraeg (they/ them), Organizing Director

Megan Macaraeg was born in the Pilipinas in Lingayen, Pangasinan and migrated here with their family during the Marcos dictatorship. They bring over 20 years of organizing experience in Community Organizing to BCI and have played many roles in social justice and social change organizations across the country, from statewide coalition and base-building to door-to-door tenant and resident organizing. They have lived and worked in multiple collectives and community land trusts including Karen House, Catholic Worker, and Nashville Greenlands. Megan is a Graduate for the Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO) Movement Apprenticeship Program. In their spare time, you can find Megan singing folk music from many traditions and in many languages, playing the piano, and making nourishing meals for their family and friends.

Macareag's ["likes" on facebook](#) include revolutionist, transgender, and satanic groups.

M Felix Macaraeg

All Likes

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Anarchist Dreams With Queer Satanic Themes
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They/Them Collective
-   
TransPlantings
-   
xRottenNymphet
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South Asian Solidarity Collective
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Southerners On New Ground
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Freedom Fighters DC
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Equality House

In [July of 2021](#), she posted an image declaring her pride in being "non-binary."





M Felix Macaraeg  
July 14, 2021 · 🌐

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👍 Like

In [November 2020](#), Macaraeg posted an image from Poland's "abortion-rights" protest, declaring that if anti-abortion laws are passed in the United States, there will be a revolution.



M Felix Macaraeg  
November 2, 2020 · 🌐



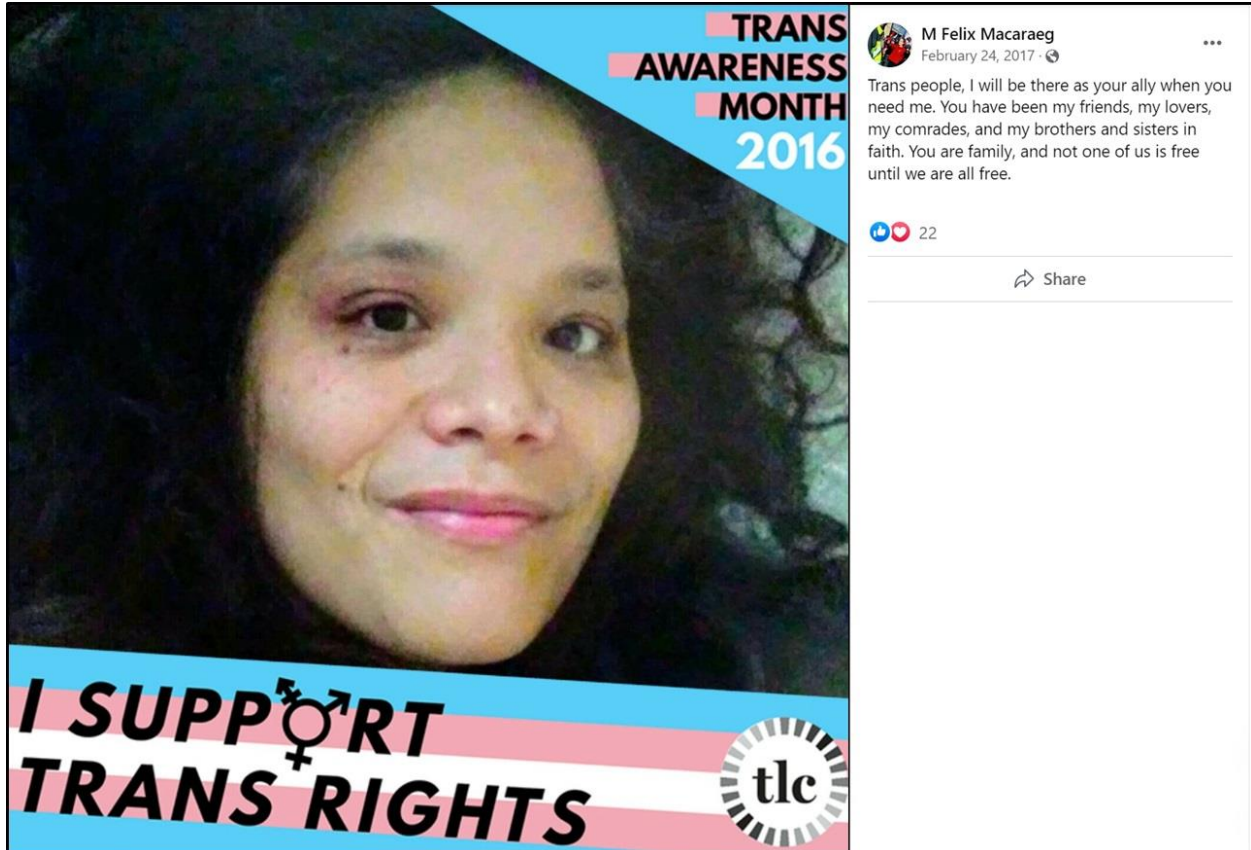
**Mauri Fox**

November 1, 2020 · 🌐

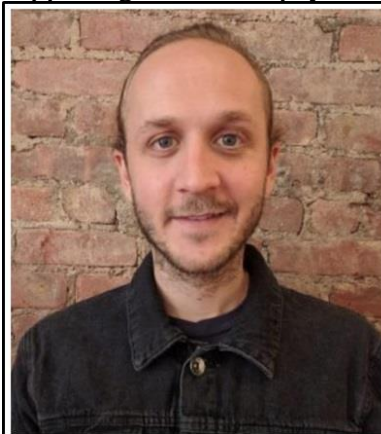
Right NOW in Poland, millions of women across the country are striking after the newly elected right-wing government banned abortion. The massive women's protests are the largest in modern Poland history, women are refusing to go to work, drive, cook at home, or do anything until the abortion ban is dropped. Already after a week of protest, Poland's President today indicated they may have to change or reverse the law. This is the power of women. This the power of protest. And as God as my witness, if the right-wing lawmakers in the United States try to ban abortion, we will declare a revolution and shut down the country. Fuck around and find out.

~ Feminist News

In [February of 2017](#), Macaraeg posted in support of "Trans Awareness," declaring trans-people as "comrades."



[Geoff Gilbert](#), BCI's Legal and Technical Assistance Director, is a self-professed socialist and supports government pay-outs to sex workers.



Geoff Gilbert (he/him), Legal & Technical Assistance Director

Geoff is an organizer, attorney and writer, and an Ashkenazi Jew originally from Miami, FL who committed to building deep roots in Washington, DC. Geoff leads BCI's provision of legal and technical assistance to roughly 15 DC-area cooperatives, collectives and nonprofit movement organizations, including the high-touch cooperatives that BCI is incubating. Geoff also does administrative work at BCI and is currently the main facilitator within BCI of the process through which BCI workers are building collective practices and a culture of internal democracy. Geoff is also a committed mutual aid organizer with Ward 1 Mutual Aid in DC. Previously, Geoff worked for Seed Commons as a Staff Attorney for three years and earned a JD from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2018.

In [January of 2016](#), Gilbert claimed that "Democratic socialism is the full answer" to solving many of societies problems.





**Geoff Gilbert**  
@geoff\_gilbert1



Replying to [@Brian\\_Gilbert](#)

[@Brian\\_Gilbert](#) Democratic socialism is the full answer. I think it solves a lot of problems and provides a good basis to work from.

4:23 PM · Jan 14, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

In [May of 2016](#), Gilbert again promoted socialism.



**Geoff Gilbert**  
@geoff\_gilbert1

Replying to [@Hoppalicious](#)

Efficiencies gained from public provision is the justification for social democracy, democratic socialism

12:25 PM · May 21, 2016 · Twitter for iPhone

In [July of 2021](#), Gilbert claimed that "sex workers," among others, "work hard and pay taxes--

and therefore deserve \$200 million!"



Geoff Gilbert  
@geoff\_gilbert1



Excluded workers include restaurant workers, domestic workers, sex workers, street vendors, day laborers, returning citizens, and many other impacted work sectors. They work hard and pay taxes--and therefore deserve \$200 million! #DontExcludeMe #NoMeExcluyas



Conclusion

Beloved Community Incubator was created by, and is currently in a symbiotic relationship with, a pro-abortion, pro-LGBT religious institution. This ideologies from this relationship trickle into the leadership of the organization, as the leadership also displays pro-abortion, pro-LGBT, and even socialist attitudes. And this, in turn, is expressed in organizational support for transgenderism.

Any Catholic institution worthy of the name "Catholic" would completely avoid any sort of support for such an organization, and would certainly not provide Catholic funding to it. However, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has need fit to give BCI a \$50,000 grant, which is just another reason why the CCHD should be terminated now and forever.