



## INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING MINISTRIES

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# Letter of Intent: Training of Trainers Regional Convening 2022 25 – 29 July 2022 Johannesburg, South Africa

**Date: 24 February 2022**

Dear Regional Partner

Inclusive and Affirming Ministries (IAM) is a non-profit human rights organisation working within faith communities and civil society partners to include, affirm and welcome LGBTIQ+ persons of faith. IAM facilitates conversations around contextual Biblical texts breaking down harmful stereotypes and prejudices of gender and sexual minority groups. Our practice includes accompanying faith and community partners both locally and regionally so that LGBTIQ+ persons of faith can move from being excluded, by opening minds and hearts to see and accept the humanity of God's creation.

It is with this objective that we train partners and leaders in the methodology of facilitation and dialogue to reach a broader spectrum of communities, denominations and identified target audiences. Through accompaniment, capacity building and resource development in a consultative process, IAM endeavours to strengthen its network of regional partners and amplify knowledge-sharing among partners.

The intention of this call is to invite you to apply to participate in the in-person training in South Africa in July 2022. IAM will conduct a selection process and 20 regional conversation partners will be invited to be trained in IAM's methodology and Theory of Action. We can accommodate 2 applications per partner organisation (***please ensure that the participant is a programmatic staff member. You are also welcome to nominate a faith leader who supports your work to apply for the training.***)

IAM will cover the costs of travel, accommodation, and conferencing for the 3 days (2 days set aside for travel). All participants will be in residence and strict COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to. We encourage applicants to be fully vaccinated to protect yourself and other participants.

Please complete the attached form and return for the attention of **Marlow Valentine by Friday, 11 March 2022**. Please note that due to limited space and strict travelling criteria, no late applications will be considered.

If you have any further questions of clarity, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

*MG Newman-Valentine*

**Marlow Newman-Valentine**  
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