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Last month, Harmony partnered with Beyond the Walls for the second year in a row to plan a fully affirming worship experience for Queer/LGBTQIA2S+ individuals and allies. Hundreds of individuals joined this online gathering from around the world, taking part in meaningful sharing, singing, and the Sacrament of Communion.

While many have felt the comfort and support of their friends, loved ones, and congregations, this is unfortunately not the reality for many - if not most - of our Queer siblings. In fact, according to the [Transgender Law Center](#), there have been 139 reported anti-trans murders in the U.S. since 2017. The U.S. ranks third in the world for trans homicides, after Brazil and Mexico. In addition, 2020-2021 has been a particularly terrible year for proposed anti-trans legislation in the U.S.

With this in mind, Harmony's Board of Directors decided to collect donations during the June 27 Beyond the Walls service for the benefit of the Transgender Law Center, the largest trans-specific, trans-led organization in the U.S. The Transgender Law Center advocates for trans rights, health, and dignity through precedent-setting litigation efforts.

Thanks to your generosity, \$1,279 USD was raised during this service. Harmony has decided to match the first \$1,000 USD for a grand total of \$2,279 USD. Funds were sent Tuesday, July 6, 2021, to the Transgender Law Center along with a letter from Harmony Treasurer Michele McGrath (she/her) and President Parker Johnson (he/him) thanking them for all they are doing to support our beloved trans siblings.

This would not have been possible without your support. Thank you to each of you who made a contribution!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Your Harmony Board of Directors