

WELCOME TO THE EXHIBIT!

Wholly Communion is an interactive exhibit that invites you to peek into the lives of four individuals who have left their Christian faith communities in search of finding a compassionate community (faith or not) that provides a sense of belonging. Each person you will encounter - Jo, Felix, Mac, and Linda - has navigated joy, harm, and challenges within their diverse faith communities, which you will see reflected in the various narratives and artifacts throughout the space.

The exhibit curator, Jacob Buttry, chose these four individuals to showcase not only what they have in common, but also how they are different. In doing so, Buttry hopes that every person who walks through the museum will find something to connect with, whether it be a story, a place, or an emotion. As you step into each individual's world, Buttry invites you to consider your relationship to your own communities, whether faith-based or otherwise. At the heart of the work are questions such as: What aspects of your own communities are compassionate and welcoming? What you might do to increase compassion and connection in the communities?

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A MUSEUM EXHIBIT
ON COMPLEX FAITH
COMMUNITY

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

Dramaturgy Boards

These boards offer a glimpse into the process of creating this exhibit, including input from former evangelicals and artifacts from the devising team.

Jo's Room

Scroll through Jo's Instagram - if you like what you see, give her a follow!

Felix's Home

It's not often you get to read someone's personal diary! In Felix's room, you'll finally have your chance!

Mac's Office

Experience Mac's journey by listening to voicemails from his wife, Winnie, and mentor, John.

Linda's Home

Linda and her family have a lively group chat - and you're invited to take a look!

Community Board & Potluck

Let's reflect together!

JO

Jo Gomez has been a part of her church community for her whole life. Jo loves to sing and share her talents as a member of the choir. Outside of church, Jo is involved in LGBTQ+ advocacy and is figuring out her own gender identity and sexual orientation. Although not publicly out as queer, Jo's explicit support of the LGBTQ+ community caused tensions in her church and ultimately led to her separation from the church.

FELIX

Felix Jai is a self-identified "chill guy." He has an enviable record collection and is a regular at many-a-coffee shop. He is a long-time member of his church, where he has a strong network of friends who support. Despite these relationships, Felix decides to step away from the community due to what he perceives as a lack of openness and perspective. Looking for solace in his time of loneliness, he turns to an online community of others who share his experience.

MAC

Mac Waters has been an associate pastor at a small church for six years. Recently, he has become concerned about certain church policies harming people within the church community, however his colleagues seem resistant to change, and Mac is unsure what to do. In addition to being an active member of the faith community, he is a member of a local bird watching club and enjoys playing couples tennis with his wife, Winnie.

LINDA

Linda Bobbins is a thirty-something year old mom and wife who enjoys listening to self-help podcasts, woodworking, and spending time with her husband Doug and their two children. Recently, the Bobbins relocated to a new community due to Doug's job. Struggling with leaving her long-term friends and community, Linda decides to join a new church and reestablish her faith. As you will see, things don't go as smoothly as she expected.

