

Christ Loves Our LGBTI Colors

In November 2020, ICM Somos, our church in Matanzas, Cuba, led by Rev. Elaine Saralegui, launched a successful campaign to fight back against LGBTphobia. The name is "Cristo Ama Mis Colores". The campaign is also known in English as "Opening Colored Paths".



It featured beautiful photos, quotes/testimonies, and videos depicting members and friends from the church at Matanzas and Havana. These have been shared through a Facebook page and shared posting. They also initiated a Podcast by the same name and have used the hashtag #CristoAmaMisColores.

One of the posters featured an ICM/MCC pastor with this notation: (translated) Yivi Cruz Suarez is an ICM pastor in Cuba and fully lives her sexuality as a lesbian woman. She says: " As a Christian I feel loved and loved by God and have never felt

God's rejection, because from the womb of my mother I was welcomed with her blessing. Let's rest assured that where love exists, there is no fear. God loves us all without distinction."



Yuniel Double Ponce, who appeared in this poster, is a talented young author and performer of the campaign's song: "Christ loves my colors because I believe in your love We are part of the perfect work for salvation".

Here's a link to an audio recording of the song:

[Cristo Ama Mis Colores \(Cuba, 2020\).MP3](#)

These were also full size posters that were prominently displayed. Notice the ICM/MCC flame logo at the bottom of the image.

Projecto Abriendo Brechas de Colores - LGTBI (Project Opening Color Gaps) also sponsored socio-theological conversations with guest speakers.



As 2021 was about to dawn, this special project came to a close. This is an English translation of a post. "The end of a very difficult year is near, which brought many changes in our lives, starting with the way we care for ourselves and even think."

"Christ loves my colors " came in the midst of this convulsive time to remind us of the message of peace, justice, love and happiness that Jesus came to give us. We have wanted to celebrate together that good life about which he preached and dignify our sexualities and gender identities, which are undoubtedly a beautiful part of our spirituality.

Now it's time to close the campaign, however, we will continue to join each other in the effort to promote a liberating and inclusive vision of faith. A vision in which God rejects spiritual violence (with which they often want to separate us from God's side), rejoices and unites us, as we are.

We thank all the people who stood next to us from social media sharing and commenting to each post. They were the lighthouse to know we were on the right path.

With your support, the campaign's publications had a reach of more than 178 thousand people, who interacted 12 thousand times with the content on our page. Plus we managed to add 548 new likes."

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