

Life as a Transgender Person – Panel discussion with Brenda Sene and Diane Terhune

Do you have questions about transgender people but don't know who to ask? Three transgender people and one parent of a transgender child will be present to talk about their lives and answer your questions.

Brenda Sene was raised on the margins of a huge clan in northern New York that defined itself by the Christian denomination her grandparents began during the Great Depression, when the Assembly of God Church was considered too liberal. She learned their language, but was relieved to finally embrace the United Methodist Church. Brenda has a BA in Religion and Jewish Studies from Syracuse University, and a MDIV from Perkins School of Theology, SMU. She is currently the pastor at Hillview United Methodist Church in Boise. Her passion is dialogue that allows communities and individuals of very different views to work together.

Diane Terhune is a mother of two LGBTQ children who lives in Boise. She regularly volunteers for the Democratic Party and is a full-time teacher. She is a member of several national support groups for parents of transgender children and one of the administrators of a secret Facebook support group for families in Idaho who advocate for transgender equality.

Elizabeth Lynn Price is a parent, grandparent, spouse, registered nurse and veteran of 21 years of service in the United States Air Force (retired in 2000). She is self employed as a Healthcare Information Technology consultant providing clinical, administrative and technical support to clients. She loves spending time with her spouse of 40 years and her three grandchildren, gardening, fishing and is anxiously looking forward to retirement in the next few years. Liz began her journey to gender authenticity in 2012 and serves as a peer facilitator for an LGBT veteran's group, a community support group, and speaks to interested groups about her experience to help advance understanding and awareness.

Addie Adams is a parent, spouse, and LGBT advocate. She began her transition about five years ago, but life and a difficult societal climate forced her to detransition after a year. She re-entered transition for life two years ago, and has discovered an entirely new worldview in the process.

Zakari Hendriksen is 29 years old and was born and raised in Boise. He started transitioning from female to male about 9 years ago, although he has known he was male his whole life and had plans to transition since he was about 10 years old and knew that was something he could do. He is in long term recovery for substance abuse. Currently Zakari is a student at Treasure Valley Community College studying addiction so he can become a counselor. He enjoys rock climbing, cooking, and art in all forms.