

Genesis is grateful for the support of the community, seeing all of the love that has been poured out towards this group in the wake of this tragic event. We respectfully ask that Genesis and our relationship with Bekett as the founding leader be allowed to speak for themselves and in that spirit we share the following:

We indeed have felt grief and pain yet want to move forward in a spirit of hope. Redeemer's actions have acknowledged that the voices of Genesis members are important and Genesis members have been invited into conversations about next steps with Redeemer. Genesis leadership have been meeting consistently with university administration over the last two weeks, seeking to address challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community on Redeemer's campus, and working together to increase care, safety, and collaboration as Redeemer engages its Christian mission. Alongside administration, we are making progress towards creating mental health supports that will serve LGBTQ+ students on Redeemer's campus, the initial steps of which are tied to Redeemer's announcement, "Investing in Mental Health Support for the Redeemer University Community ". We believe that solutions for LGBTQ+ students are best led from and found by working within the Redeemer campus community. Genesis is holding space for LGBTQ+ students to grieve this loss and continuing to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community on campus.

As a reminder, Genesis' vision, as led by Bekett, was and is to work with the university to make Redeemer a caring and compassionate Christian community. Genesis' purpose is not to tear down Redeemer, but to make it a more welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ students; our aim is not to divide or oppose -- we would like to lean into discomfort in order to become a more loving and diverse community of Christians, attempting to always reflect

the love, compassion, and grace of Christ in all of our interactions within our community and beyond.