

News from the Intersex, Identity and Disability project at the Lincoln Theological Institute, University of Manchester

Update

This term I have been travelling all over the country to conduct interviews with intersex Christians (see below). I have also spoken about the project to audiences in Exeter and London, and on Premier Christian Radio.

Intersex and Faith Identity

Since January I have been conducting interviews with people in Britain who identify as intersex and Christian about their experiences in churches and the connections (if any) between their intersex condition and their faith identity. I am still recruiting more participants to take part in one-to-one interviews, Skype interviews or questionnaire interviews. If you or anyone you know might like to take part, or to find out more about this aspect of my research, please see the call for participants on the project website at <http://lincolnthologicalinstitute.com/iid-faith/>

Healthcare Chaplaincy

I have begun to collate responses from healthcare chaplains in Britain about their existing knowledge, training and resourcing on intersex, and what kinds of training resources they would find most helpful. Surveys have gone out to chaplains affiliated to the College of Healthcare Chaplains and the Paediatric Chaplaincy Network. This survey continues until May 2012. For more information about the project's links with healthcare chaplaincy, see <http://lincolnthologicalinstitute.com/iid-healthcare-chaplains/>

Outputs and Press Coverage

February saw the publication of my paper, "Intersex and Ontology: A Response to *The Church, Women Bishops and Provision*". This was a response to a document sponsored by the Latimer Trust, and was published to coincide with the General Synod's recent discussions about the consecration of women as bishops. I argued that many existing theological anthropologies take too little account of intersex conditions, and showed the significance of intersex for broader church policy and debates about human sex, gender and sexuality. There was some media interest in the paper, including an article in the *Church Times* (2 March 2012) and two pieces in the *Telegraph* (2 and 3 March 2012), and as a result I spoke about the project on Premier Christian Radio. The paper is available as a free PDF download from <http://lincolnthologicalinstitute.com/iid-resources/>

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