First 2 congregations officially declare themselves “Reconciling Congregations” protesting the anti-gay policies of The United Methodist Church.

1984

First print publications “Manna For the Journey” later to be titled “Open Hands” begins.

1985

First National Convocation held in Chicago – 30 Reconciling Congregations.

1987

Reconciling Congregation Program becomes a 501(c)3 and moves its national office from Washington D.C. to Chicago.

1990

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK
2009 ANNUAL REPORT
“Open the Doors” General Conference campaign challenges the ant-gay policies of UMC.

1996

Published “Claiming the Promise: An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study Resource on Homosexuality.”

1997


2000

“Reconciling Ministries Clergy” network formed.

2001
“Made in God’s Image” dialogue resource about gender differences published. RMN and Lambda Legal file amicus brief in Lawrence v. Texas, a U.S. decision decriminalizing homosexuality.

2004

“Watermarked: A Ministry of Assurance” campaign challenges the UMC to honor the promises made at baptism to its LGBT members.

2005

“Hearts on Fire” convocation in Lake Junaluska, NC protested by the Ku Klux Klan. RMN receives support letters from 43 UM Bishops.
RMN files amicus briefs and protests the UMC’s Judicial Council ruling 1032 which says that a pastor can deny church membership to person based on sexual orientation.

2007 “Called to Witness” a 5 year campaign based on the power of stories to change lives, the Church and world launched.

2008 “One Family Tree” campaign receives national media attention. 1,000+ participate in national launch of “All Means All.”

2009 “Justice and Joy” convocation held in Estes Park, CO first convocation with an intentional international focus and the launch of “Believe Out Loud” expanding RMN’s presence into over 50 Annual Conferences.
Reconciling Ministries Network mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ’s inclusive love.

Reconciling Ministries Network envisions a renewed and vibrant Wesleyan movement that is biblically and theologically centered in the full inclusion of all God’s children.

Reconciling Ministries Network is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by living out the Gospel’s teaching of justice and inclusion.
Equipped over 900 individuals in over 50 Annual Conferences with educational, theological and movement-building resources

Equipped a 24 person national board, “Circuit Rider” national outreach staff, 12 regional organizers and numerous volunteers to advance inclusion across the United States.

Provided counsel to local and regional groups, congregations and individuals as they work for the rights of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in The UMC.

Organized, hosted and facilitated biennial convocation of more than 500 Reconciling United Methodists in Estes Park, Colorado in September 2009

Resourced and organized extension ministries such as Reconciling Clergy, Parents Reconciling Network, United Methodists of Color for a Fully Inclusive Church and Methodist Students for an All Inclusive Church.

Crafted denominational legislation to change the unjust policies of The UMC and worked to build coalitions within the denomination to impact the church power structures.

Work for the rights of LGBT persons with like minded organizations that work in different religious traditions for change in our faith communities and broader society.

“In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Reconciling Ministries Network as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.” William H. Tullio, C.P.A. Visit www.rmnetwork.org to view a full copy of auditor’s letter.
In 2009 there were over 400 Reconciling Communities across the United States in churches, Sunday school classes and campus ministries. Please visit rmnetwork.org to find the one nearest you.
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Frank Staggs, RMN Donor

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