Publicity Campaign Honors, Offers Support to LGBTQ+ BYU Students

SALT LAKE CITY—Continuing its “More than One Way to Mormon” campaign, the Sunstone Education Foundation has partnered with local Utah and Mormon LGBTQ+ organizations and BYU alumni to produce a video and other media making space for LGBTQIA+ BYU students.

“There have been a lot of conflicting messages sent to our LGBT brothers and sisters on BYU campus,” says Blaire Ostler, a member of Sunstone’s board of trustees. “Sunstone’s mission is to foster discussion and understanding among the LDS community, and our LGBT members are an important part of that community.”

The initial video, released Sunday evening, March 22, 2020, includes messages from various LDS public figures including former professional American football quarterback Steve Young; author Carol Lynn Pearson; Bob Ahlander, co-founder of BYU’s Vocal Point; artist Jodi England Hansen; philanthropist Holly Alden; and Taylor Petrey, director of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program at Kalamazoo College.

The video can be found on Sunstone’s facebook page, or on Sunstone’s webpage at www.sunstonemagazine.com/mtowtm/

“I think there’s an important message those BYU students need to hear,” says Lindsay Hansen Park, executive director of Sunstone, “You are loved. You belong with us. We need your voice. You are of divine worth.”

This initiative is part of the “More than One Way to Mormon” campaign, which is aimed at broadening Mormon discourse and making room for more voices in the Latter-day Saint community.

For further information on the campaign contact info@sunstone.org.