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PRIDE IN *POWER*

QUEER LIBERATION
IS SEXUAL &
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE



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FROM THE DESK
OF THE CEO



Radical Love = Radical Inclusion

One of the most heartbreaking experiences of my life was watching a dear friend be rejected by a church I once trusted. He followed me to a ministry where I served because he believed that if I felt safe there, he could too. At first, he was welcomed warmly and quickly embraced by the congregation.

That changed when he shared that he was struggling with his sexual orientation. The pastor told him he could never return, calling his sexuality a sin and declaring there was no place for him in the church.

I left that ministry the same day.

That experience deepened my commitment to radical love and inclusion. Queer and gender-expansive people deserve spiritual safety, dignity, and belonging.

This Pride Month, my hope is that churches will confront the harm they have caused and choose compassion over condemnation.

The church cannot continue benefiting from queer people's gifts while denying their humanity.

Love without inclusion is not love at all.

Charisse Scott

Founder & CEO, SisterReach

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MEMPHIS LET'S TALK!

Living Authentically...*You*



Authenticity, autonomy, and liberation are acts of resistance and sovereignty, especially through a reproductive and sexual justice lens. They affirm the right to live freely in our bodies—to love who we love, define who we are, and make decisions without shame, coercion, or control.

Yet living authentically is not easy. Intersecting identities—race, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, and culture—often create tension between truth and belonging. In Memphis, these challenges are intensified by the legacy of racial inequity, economic barriers, and the influence of the Bible Belt. Many people navigate spaces where being fully seen can come at the cost of safety or acceptance.

Healing is essential.

Patriarchy, Christian nationalism, and harmful political rhetoric further restrict autonomy. These systems enforce rigid norms, stigmatize LGBTQ+ identities, and limit reproductive rights, creating barriers to healthcare, education, and self-expression. The impact is real: increased vulnerability to HIV and STIs, untreated mental health challenges, trauma bonding, and cycles of shame.

Healing is essential. Through therapy, community, spirituality, and shadow work, individuals can unpack harmful narratives and reclaim their power. This process supports self-determination and reconnects people to their worth.

Living in authenticity and autonomy requires setting boundaries, seeking affirming spaces, and rejecting oppressive systems. It is a bold declaration: our bodies are our own, our identities are valid, and our liberation is non-negotiable.





*"Pride is more
than parades. It's
access. It's
families. It's
freedom."*

Cherisse Scott



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FOUNDER, CHERISSE SCOTT.
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families through Pearl's Pantry
and expanded harm-reduction
efforts by increasing distribution
of Narcan, HIV tests, emergency
contraception, and other essential
supplies.**

**We also completed a new
strategic plan to guide the next
three years of our work in an ever-
changing political and social
climate. Your continued support
makes this work possible and
moves us closer to a future where
healthcare, safety, and equity are
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