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- › to tell stories of harm done to them within and by the church because of homophobia, heterosexism and transphobia; and
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