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*A Diverse, Interfaith Community  
Dedicated to Social Justice*

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March 25, 2022 — SANTA MONICA, California - The Church in Ocean Park (CIOP) is proud to host this long awaited civic battle between conservative Donald Wilson Bush and liberal CIOP congregant Rachael Rose Luckey. This debut debate will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4:00pm PDT using the Zoom platform at [TinyUrl.com/TheRainbowDebate1](https://www.tinyurl.com/TheRainbowDebate1). Attendees are expected to join in from all quarters of the country as this historic showdown unfolds between a transgender queer activist and a cisgender/heterosexual male with Evangelical Christian roots.

Envisioned as a confrontational exercise in civil discourse, *The Rainbow Debate* engages the hard questions in politics, sex/gender, faith, family and culture.

“The idea of free speech is practically meaningless if it does not lead to a better understanding between opposing viewpoints,” says Luckey. “I believe it is possible to have debate in the public square without devolving into a clash of ad hominem attacks resulting in hurtful insults. If Donald and I can sit down and tell each other our points of view without belittling each other, so can others.” That’s not to say there won’t be any “fireworks” admits Luckey.

“For too long modern day conservative white males have borne the brunt of today’s cancel culture where our voices are being silenced and legacies trashed. This has led to a great deal of resentment,” Bush contends. “Moreover, Cancel Culture is just one symptom of a much deeper problem of politicizing victim’s rights in an effort to make everyone equal. Canceling anyone who is perceived to be dominant at the moment is unhealthy to the free exchange of ideas that is essential to a flourishing democracy.”

Luckey and Bush come to this debate from the polar opposites of personal experience. Luckey is a progressive tree-hugging, transgender, Wiccan who supports housing and healthcare as a human right that the government should run and pay for. While, on the other hand, Bush is a conservative cisgender/heterosexual, white male, political campaign consultant and advocate for the historical Christian worldview which, he claims, gave rise to the Western civic tradition in the first place.

The question they will be debating is a conversation currently raging in chat rooms and on social media across the internet:

**Is the LGBTQ agenda poisoning Western Civilization or is Radical Christianity the ultimate cancer within our American democracy?**

No matter where you stand, *The Rainbow Debate* aims to take you to new levels of understanding about what it truly means to be civically engaged in our currently polarized society. This exciting new exchange forum pushes the envelope of institutional debate at the explosive intersection of bio and psycho-sexuality, sociology, politics and religion.

The Church In Ocean park is an interfaith community devoted to social and racial justice with a rich history. The church was originally built in 1923 by the Methodist Church, and since, the church has led on issues such as rent control, demand for better schools, the fight for racial and criminal justice, and the rights of women and the LGBTQIA+ community. Check out the church at: [CIOP4Justice.org](https://www.ciop4justice.org).

You’re not going to want to miss this epic showdown!

When: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4:00pm PST

Where: Zoom ~ Space is limited so register TODAY at [TinyUrl.com/TheRainbowDebate1](https://www.tinyurl.com/TheRainbowDebate1)

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Images



Rachael Rose Luckey



Donald Wilson Bush



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