

INTO ACCOUNT

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Since October of 2019, Into Account has been actively standing with Kimberly Hunter as she requests that leaders at Rainbow Mennonite Church acknowledge the ways they mistreated her after she sought their help and counsel regarding a member of their shared community from whom she had experienced emotional abuse and around whom she did not feel safe alone.

Into Account has become increasingly concerned by the decisions of leaders at Rainbow Mennonite Church as they have responded to Kimberly's measured and persistent request that they acknowledge the injustice of their actions.

Their refusal to do so, coupled with their choice to investigate her for emotional abuse and harassment—and substantiate those charges on the grounds that her advocacy for herself constitutes emotional abuse and harassment—have destroyed our trust or hope that Rainbow will act in good faith.

Kimberly's case exemplifies the reality that those who report abuse are commonly cast as aggressors in order to expedite a community's power to silence and dismiss them.

As experts in sexualized, interpersonal, and spiritual violence, having spent a year and a half working closely on Kimberly's case, having reviewed upwards of one thousand pages of documentation regarding the facts and details of this case, and having pursued both direct and mediated conversation with leaders at Rainbow, we have no qualms standing with Kimberly.

We continue to stand with Kimberly now as she decides how to proceed.

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