

Verbal Consent Form

IRB Study #15-1000_____

Hello, my name is Kescia Hall. I am a student from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill conducting a research about Black LGBTQIA Christians and their experiences in the Church. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. This means that you do not have to participate in this survey unless you want to.

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Would you be willing to answer some questions to help me determine if you are eligible for this study?

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Good.↯† I will read off a list of questions. If you answer to any of them is yes, wait until I am all done and tell me that when I am finished. I do not want you to answer each question, individually.

Are you a Christian that currently attends a Non-lgbtqia affirming church?

Are you a Christian that currently attends an lgbtqia affirming church?

Are you a Christian that has chosen to no longer attend church?

Did you used to be a Christian but have given up on the Christian faith?

Would your response to any of these questions be yes?

The purpose of this research study survey is to look the differences or similarities in experiences with Black LGBTQIA Christians that choose to attend affirming churches versus non-affirming churches. We estimate that approximately 18 people will enroll in this study. You will be asked to complete a semi-structured interview that discussed your sexuality and how it interacts with your faith and your race. This should take about 60 minutes. There is a small chance that some of the questions may make you feel uncomfortable. You don't have to answer those questions if you don't want to. In fact you don't have to answer any question that you choose not to answer. And that is fine. We will just skip that question and go on to the next one.

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All the information I receive from you by phone, or video communications including your name and any other identifying information will be strictly confidential and will be kept under lock and key. I will not identify you or use any information that would make it possible for anyone to identify you in any presentation or written reports about this study. If it is okay with you, I might want to use direct quotes from you, but these would only be quoted as coming from a person, or a person of a certain label or title, like, "one woman said..." When I finish with all the interviews from everyone who has agreed to participate, I will group all the answers together in any report or presentation. There will be no way to identify individual participants.

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The only risk to you might be if your identity were ever revealed.↯† But I will not even record your name with your responses, so this cannot occur. There are no other expected risks to you for helping me with this study. There are also no expected benefits for you either.

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Do you have any questions?

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You can also reach Kescia Hall with questions about the research study at kjohall@live.unc.edu. All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Institutional Review Board at 919-966-3113 or by email to IRB_subjects@unc.edu.

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Do I have your permission to begin asking you questions?

Do I have your permission to record our conversation?