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MICROAGGRESSIONS EXPERIENCED BY LGBTQ INDIVIDUALS IN CJCLDS CONTEXTS

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RESEARCH AND PERTINENCE OF THIS STUDY

- Conservative religious situations exacerbate SGM stressors
- CJCLDS portrays SSA and gender dysphoria as challenges or struggles
- Microaggressions are subtle, verbal/nonverbal, intentional/unintentional
- Lack of intersectional research in this niche, less with adolescents
- All team members are invested in being allies with the LGBTQ community, as well as in compiling ethical research. Dr. Lefevor is especially experienced in working respectively with SGM research participants. Dr. Lefevor has additional experience with the CJCLDS, and two team members remain active members. The team feels qualified to conduct research ethically and respectively in this niche field.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- 1) What microaggressions toward SGMs are common among members of the CJCLDS?
- 2) What coping methods do SGM adolescents develop to deal with microaggressions from church members?

PARTICIPANTS AND METHOD

Participants

- Convenience sampling
- Quantitative survey
- Pairs: Activity in the church, Age

Method

- 50 minute qualitative interviews
- Different interviewers for parent/teen pairs
- Thematic analysis by coding team

QUOTES FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

Micraggressions

“I had to tell [my bishop] I was gay and he was like, no, you're not.

You're a child of God. I'm like, I'm aware of that, but did you just dismiss my feelings about that?”

Impact

“I didn't feel like I belonged, and I didn't feel wanted or safe, I guess.”

“I'm done with the global church. I'm not done with my ward, but I am done with anything about the global church, the institutional.”

Coping

“I'm trying to focus more on, like, how I think God thinks of me, because, like I said earlier, judgment is for him alone, right? So I should focus on him and his opinion and how he thinks of me, and I don't think that me being bi affects his opinion of me at all.”

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SPECIAL QUOTES

- I've had people tell me, like, you will not be happy. And I have had a blast proving them wrong.
- So they come about every other week. And people are always happy to see. And if anybody is ever not, then Mama Dragon will rain hellfire and claws on anybody who gets in their way.
- People at church might believe that God doesn't like trans people, I definitely think that he does. God loves everyone. But I kind of just like, well, you guys have it wrong. I don't know what's going on with you guys, but God, I'm homies with God. He's really chill, you know.