

# NJAUMC Transgender Identity Program

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 • 7:00-8:00 pm



**Wesley United Methodist Church**

**566 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street • San Jose, CA. 95112**

Understanding the identity and affirming our genderqueer and transgender family and friends is a new journey for many of our JA churches and our summer youth summer camps. The NJAUMC (National Japanese-American United Methodist Caucus) will host a program to help us broaden and gain new understanding, perspective and sensitivity to respect and celebrate gender variant identities in our communities.

This program is open to all of our No. CA. churches (clergy and layity) and will be instructive and educational. Please join us as we hear personal testimony through a diverse panel of individuals, with a question and answer session that will follow.

## **Panel Participants**

Schmian Evans • Sonny Graves • Michelle Honda-Phillips • Alyss Swanson • Toyomi Yoshida

## **Panel Facilitator**

Coke Tani

## **THE TRANSGENDER FLAG**

"The stripes at the top and bottom are light blue, the traditional color for baby boys. The stripes next to them are pink, the traditional color for baby girls. The stripe in the middle is white, for those who are intersex, transitioning or consider themselves having a neutral or undefined gender. The pattern is such that no matter which way you fly it, it is always correct, signifying us finding correctness in our lives. (Monica Helms, creator of the flag)