

Instructions for Virtual Queer Ancestry Ritual

Queer People of Today:

In your breakout room, make sure to introduce yourselves.

Your group represents all the queer humans alive today.

Spend some time, each person, speaking about their experience of being queer in the world today:

- How does queerness manifest in your life?
- Who are your queer “mentors”? What have they taught you about being “queer”?

Imagine that you could invoke queer people who are no longer alive, for example:

- People who died in the AIDS epidemic
- People who have been murdered for their queerness
- Aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents who may have been secretly queer

What would you wish to say to them? During the ritual, you will have a chance to invoke these ancestors, and to speak to them. You may wish to write down some of the phrases that feel the most potent to you.