

# Instructions for Virtual Queer Ancestry Ritual

## **Queer People of Previous Generations:**

In your breakout room, make sure to introduce yourselves.

Your group represents all the queer people of roughly the last 150 years, who are no longer alive today. These might be people we knew as children, relatives we have seen in old photographs, or queer friends/partners we knew, who have died.

Spend time discussing old relatives/friends you had who you knew were queer, or who you suspect may have been queer:

- What memories or stories do you have of that person?
- How would you imagine your experience of being queer is different than theirs?

*Imagine that you could go in the past and be some of these people. What would you wish to say to your present self? The present generation of queers?*

*Next, imagine that you could invoke the queer people that came before you: queer people in ancient and medieval cultures all over the world. What might you want to say to them?*

*You may wish to write down some of the phrases that feel the most potent to you.*