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**AWARD-WINNING WRITER AND AUTHOR TO SPEAK ABOUT LOVE'S JOURNEY BEYOND GENDER**

**Lynn Thorne to Address Richmond's Metropolitan Community Church on Valentine's Day**

**Jan. 30, 2018 – Charlottesville, Va.** – Author Lynn Thorne will share insights from her new book, *Who Am I If You're Not You?* at Metropolitan Community Church of Richmond on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 2018, from 6:45-7:45 p.m. The book is based on the real-life story of a same-sex couple in Virginia that fights to preserve their love through a gender transition.

Psychiatrist and author Dr. Ronald Holt describes the book as a “compelling and captivating tale of love, compassion, and commitment,” calling it “a beautiful piece of literature that tells a powerful true story of an ordinary couple weathering extraordinary circumstances.”

The book details one partner's emotional journey as her spouse undergoes a gender transition, redefining herself and her marriage in the process. Thorne calls the story “a testament to the strength of unconditional love.”

Thorne is an award-winning writer and the author of *Word of Mouth Advertising Online and Off* (Atlantic Press, 2008). She has worked as a television and radio reporter in Virginia and Wisconsin. Her articles appeared in *The Washington Post Express*, *U.S. News Ventures*, and in multiple regional newspapers and magazines.

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Attached are photos of the book cover and of Lynn Thorne. A digital copy of the book: *Who Am I If You're Not You? Love's Journey Beyond Gender* is available upon request.