

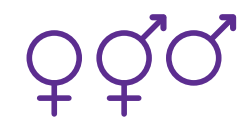
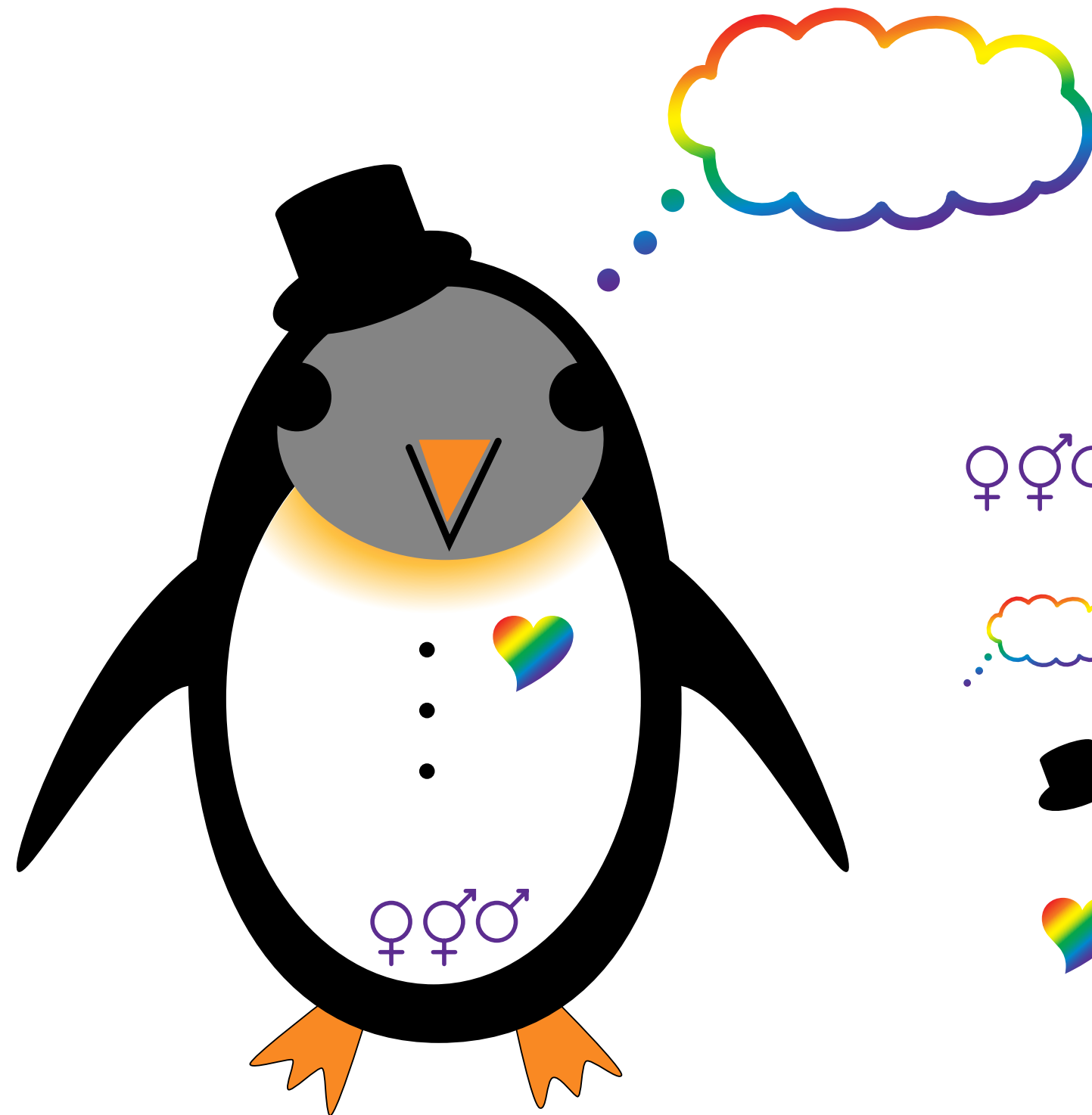
Nonbinary genders and inclusion in the church

The Haldimand Tract



- 10km on either side of the Grand River
- Originally ~950,000 acres
- Now ~46,500 acres (4.9%) of reserve land

Identity Penguin



biological sex



gender



presentation



attraction

♀♀♂♂ **Biological sex**

- Male, female, intersex umbrella
- Hormones
- Chromosomes
- Internal and external genitalia
- Secondary sex characteristics
- Assigned Gender At Birth (AGAB)



Gender

- Sense of identity
- Cisgender: identity = AGAB
- Transgender: identity \neq AGAB
- Men, women, nonbinary umbrella (agender, bigender, genderqueer, genderfluid, etc.)



A universe of gender



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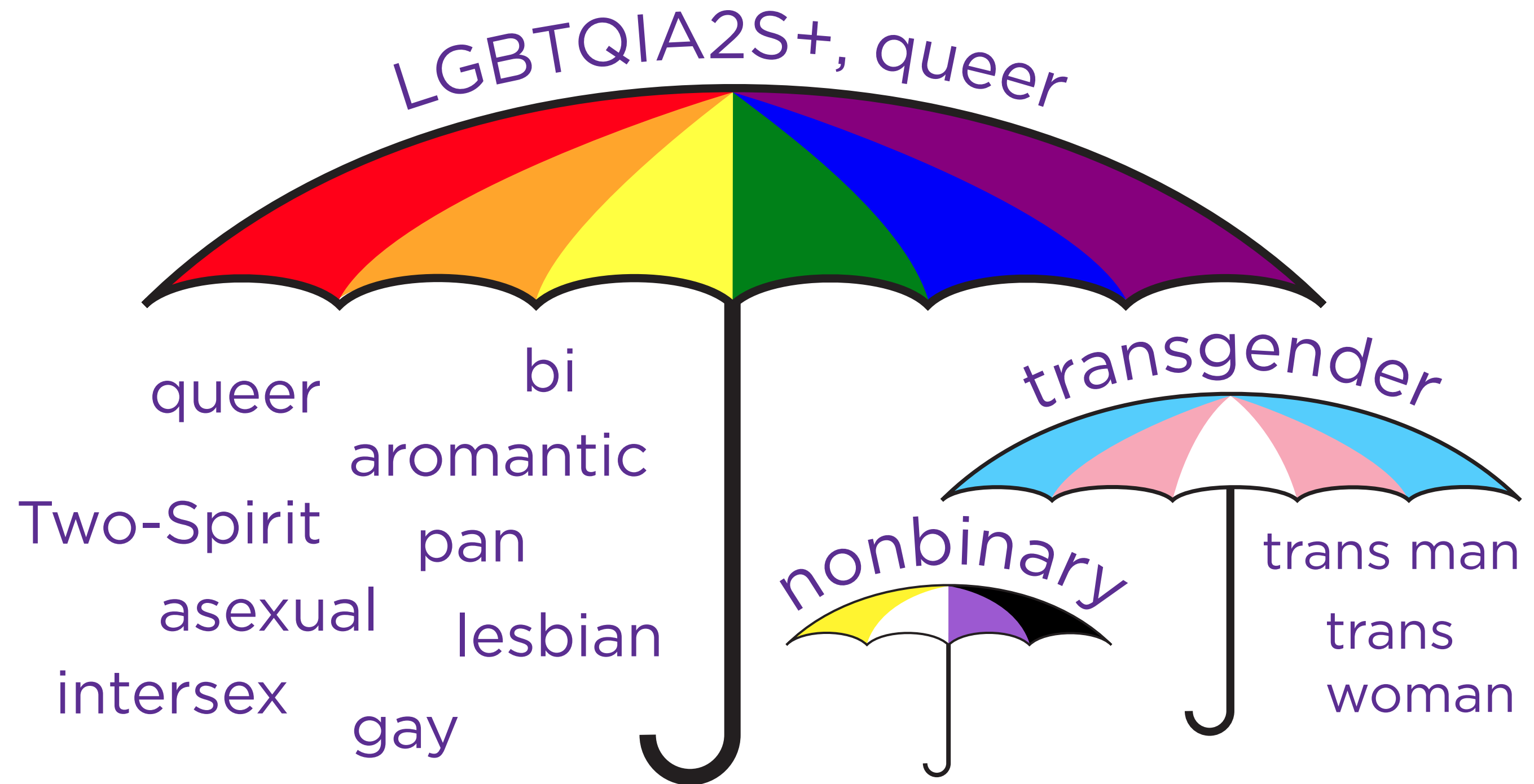
Presentation

- Clothes, hairstyle, makeup, facial hair, accessories/jewelery, pronouns, ...
- Masculine, feminine, androgynous
- May or may not correspond with gender
- May be influenced by safety as well as preference (e.g. closeted trans folks)

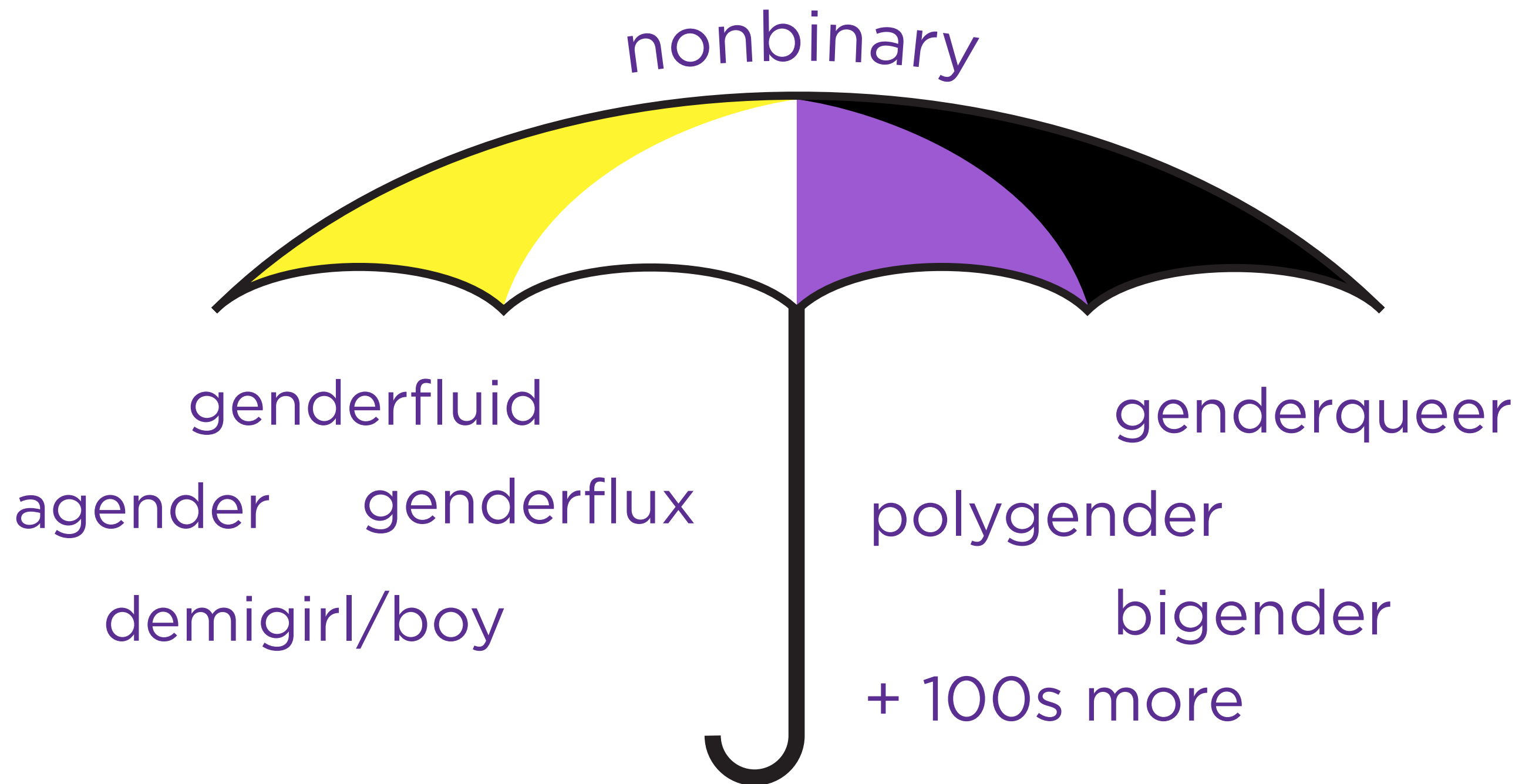
Attraction

- Modes of attraction: sexual, romantic, aesthetic, sensual, platonic
- May be attracted to particular gender(s)/presentation(s)
- May be attracted to different people or genders in different modes, or not experience some modes at all
- May be fluid or change over time

Umbrella terms



The nonbinary umbrella



How do you know?

- Questioning
- Feeling “not trans enough”
- Dysphoria — discomfort in AGAB
- Euphoria — comfort in actual gender
- Trans and nonbinary stories
- Reading definitions of genders and going “oh, that’s ME!”

Names

- Given names
- Nicknames
- Chosen names

Pronouns

- He/him/his, she/her/hers
- Singular they/them/theirs
- Neopronouns, e.g. sie/hir, ey/em/eir
- Multiple sets of pronouns (e.g. he/him and they/them)
- No pronouns — just use the person's name

Making the change

- Practice, practice, practice
- One way to practice: prayer
- When you mess up, correct yourself
- Don't out people
- Use our names and pronouns;
it's suicide prevention

Resources

- nonbinary.wikia.com
- cedarklassen.ca/category/writing/
- Book: *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* (Austen Hartke)
- Film: *Belonging in the Body: Transgender Journeys of Faith* (Generous Space)

Questions?

Upcoming events...

In This Together workshop/brainstorming,

Feb. 29, 1–5pm at Hamilton Mennonite Church

Queer worship with PiE, March 29, location TBA

Beyond Binaries, May 9, WNMC

Songs for the Holy Other hymn sing with SOCHS

April 26, 2:30pm, Church of the Holy Trinity,
Trinity Square, Toronto