

The Welcoming Congregation

Bulletin

2012
November

uuu.org/lgbtq

The Welcoming Congregation Bulletin is produced by LGBTQ Ministries, part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Multicultural Ministries office. Each monthly issue offers a **tool** to use, an **action** to take, a **story** for inspiration, and **news** to share.

A tool to increase your welcome

Call4Equality Tool

On November 6th, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, and Washington will all vote on marriage for same-sex couples.



No matter what state you live in, you can help get out the vote. Call4Equality is a tool that uses the power of Facebook to help you remember who you know in these states and then creates personalized call lists and scripts for you.

Check it out: <http://call4equality.hrc.org>

An action to live it loud and proud

Honor Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20th is a day when groups across the world hold vigils to remember those who have been murdered because of anti-transgender hatred.

Resources to plan a vigil are available from Standing on the Side of Love, and a special Church of the Larger Fellowship [service](#) will be held Monday November 19 at 8pm Eastern.



Plan a vigil or a service: <http://bit.ly/ssl-tdor>

ALSO! October's Transgender Identity & Inclusion webinar is now available to watch on your own: www.standingonthesideoflove.org/resources/webinars

A story to inspire your work

Unitarian Universalists Rally for Freedom to Marry

In Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, and Washington, UUs are part of interfaith efforts to get out the vote for freedom to marry. Here are just two examples!

In Maine, ten religious leaders including Rev. Carie Johnsen of the UU Community Church of Augusta shared a pew in October and preached on the subject:

www.wcsh6.com/news/article/218708/314/Religious-leaders-show-a-united-front-for-marriage-equality



In Washington, the UU Church of Spokane and the Westside UU Congregation paid for three billboards that feature 15 ministers and clergy from the Spokane, WA area:

<http://spokanefavs.com/culture/gender-and-sexuality/15-spokane-area-faith-leaders-appear-on-billboards-supporting-referendum-74>

News to share

Groundbreaking Poll Challenges LGBT Stereotypes

Results from the largest U.S population-based survey of LGBT people ever conducted were released in October, showing that **of all U.S. LGBT-identified people, a third are people of color and more than a third have incomes under \$24,000 a year.**



Only 3.2% of white people surveyed identify as LGBT, compared with 4.6% of people of African descent, 4.3% of Asian Americans, and 4.0% of Latino/as.

Read more: http://bit.ly/colorlines_LGBT

The Welcoming Congregation Bulletin is produced by LGBTQ Ministries, part of the Multicultural Ministries office (see uua.org/mgw). For more info, to subscribe, and to submit content ideas, email lgbtq@uua.org