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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

### Grants for Love

The Fund for UU Social Responsibility is offering matching grants of \$500-\$1,500 to support UU congregations in Standing of the Side of Love, taking action when people are excluded, oppressed, or attacked based on real or perceived identities of all sorts.



Find out more: [uua.org/giving/funding/102184.shtml](http://uua.org/giving/funding/102184.shtml)

p.s. An opportunity to get in on the love is right around the corner: Save the date for the second annual **30 Days of Love**, a month of love, witness, action, and reflection from 1/19-2/17!

## An action to live it loud and proud

### Interweave



### Join Interweave

Interweave is kicking up new energy! You can join this organization of Unitarian Universalists for LGBTQ concerns as an individual or as a chapter. One role of a congregational Interweave chapter is sustaining the Welcoming Congregation work and carrying the commitment forward.

*Interweave Connect*, a monthly newsletter that offers inspiring stories and articles about how UUs can work to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, also has a new look and lots of great new content.

Get in on the action! [www.interweaveuu.org](http://www.interweaveuu.org)

## *A story to inspire your work*

### All Souls Tulsa Welcomes the “Nones”

Have you heard of the “nones”? One-fifth of the U.S. public—and a third of adults under 30—are religiously unaffiliated today. The spiritual and moral values of these “nones” align with Unitarian Universalism—for example, they are LGBTQ-friendly ([read more](#)). Many “nones” may well be LGBTQ-identified themselves.



All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK, is a Welcoming Congregation for the “nones”—the church started a brand new 8:30am service specifically for non-theists in September. Read about their story! <http://bit.ly/tulsanones>

## *News to share*

### Six Openly Transgender Religious Professionals in New Positions

This year, a landmark: At least six openly transgender or genderqueer Unitarian Universalist religious professionals were hired or called into new positions!

**Evin Carvill-Ziemer**, Interim Minister, Southwest UU Church, North Royalton, OH

**Rev. Sean Parker Dennison**, Minister, UU Congregation in McHenry, IL

**Dillan DiGiovanni**, Director of Religious Education, UU Church of Medford, MA

**Mr. Barb Greve**, Interim Director of Religious Education, UU Congregation of Atlanta, GA

**Rev. Paul Langston-Daley**, Minister, First Unitarian Church of New Bedford, MA

**Rev. Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe**, Interim Minister, UU Fellowship of Montgomery, AL

Transgender Religious Professional UUs Together (TRUUsT) is an organization that advocates for trans UU religious professionals: [truust.wordpress.com](http://truust.wordpress.com)

Note: LGBTQ Ministries uses transgender as an umbrella term but many people do not, including many genderqueer folks, intersex folks, and others. See [uua.org/lgbtq/identity](http://uua.org/lgbtq/identity) for more on language.

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