

# The Welcoming Congregation Bulletin

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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

### 10 Ways to Become More LGBTQ Welcoming

Welcoming Congregations recognize that being welcoming is an ever-ongoing ministry, a state of action rather than a static state of being.

Want ideas for how to continue deepening your congregation's welcome? Check out ten things any congregation can do to become more LGBTQ welcoming!

[uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/ways/185984.shtml](http://uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/ways/185984.shtml)



## An action to live it loud and proud

### Celebrate Pride!

Pride celebrations, held in cities throughout the world, have become synonymous with affirming, celebrating, and being proud of sexual diversity and gender variance. As people of faith, Unitarian Universalists have long played a vital role in such celebrations. How will your congregation celebrate Pride this year?

Check out ten vibrant ways to show the love:  
[uua.org/lgbtq/witness/25356.shtml](http://uua.org/lgbtq/witness/25356.shtml)



## A story to inspire your work



### A UU Minister Speaks Out from the Closet

“Rev. Anonymous” and her partner live in fear that if they are discovered to be partners it will jeopardize the life they have built together. Why can't they live openly? Rev. Anonymous is a legal immigrant with permanent U.S. residency, a job that she loves, and a loving family, but just like all immigrants, until she becomes a full citizen she is at risk of deportation under a broken U.S. immigration system.

Read her story: [bit.ly/ssl\\_include\\_my\\_family](http://bit.ly/ssl_include_my_family)

Click here to help break down this closet door: [bit.ly/UAFAtakeaction](http://bit.ly/UAFAtakeaction)

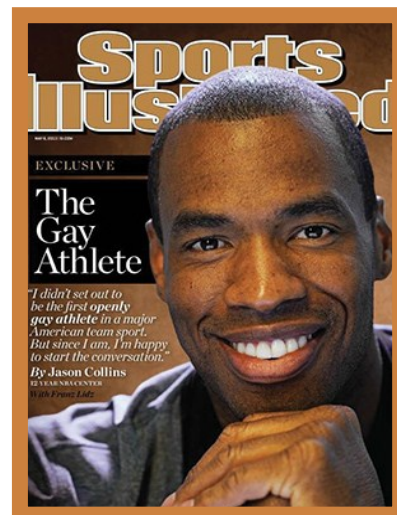
## News to share

### Jason Collins Joins the Ranks of Openly LGBTQ Athletes of Color

The [cover story](#) of the May issue of *Sports Illustrated* begins: “I’m a 34-year-old NBA center. I’m black. And I’m gay.” With those words, Jason Collins exposes a lot of false stereotypes about sexuality, masculinity, race, and even religion—Collins cites his Christian faith as another central part of who he is.

Collins is blazing a trail, and LGBTQ athletes of color who have come out before him helped point the way. Learn about Collins and nine recent fellow trailblazers:

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