

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** to inspire, and **news** to share.

A tool to increase your welcome



Family Diversity Projects Traveling Photo Exhibits

Many congregations have hosted “Love Makes a Family” or one of the other powerful traveling exhibits from Family Diversity Projects, designed to help eliminate prejudice and harassment of people and families with marginalized identities and experiences.

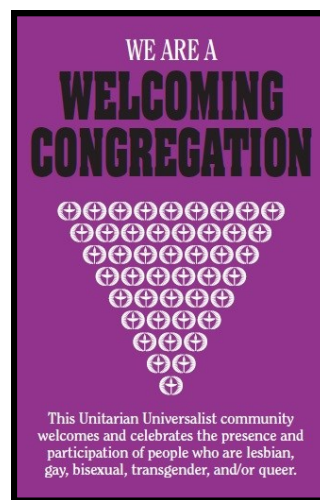
Find out how to host an exhibit: <http://familydiv.org>

An action to live it loud and proud

Renew Your Welcoming Congregation Status!

Did you know Welcoming Congregations can officially renew their designation? Many take the opportunity to explore their growing edges around “welcome” and take intentional action to increase their welcome of people of all gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, abilities, economic classes, and more.

Learn more: uua.org/welcomingrenew



p.s. Congratulations to the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester, MA**, for having just renewed their designation!

A story to inspire your ministry

Unitarian Universalists Support Gay-Straight Alliances in Florida Schools



Three UU congregations in Florida are standing on the side of love in support of Gay-Straight Alliances as the Lake County School Board tries everything to ban them.

Read their story!

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Plus: Congratulations to our 10 newest recognized Welcoming Congregations!

Ginger Hill UU
Congregation,
Slippery Rock, PA

Timberland UU
Fellowship, Lufkin, TX

Aiken UU Church,
Aiken, SC

UU Church of
Tarpon Springs, FL

First Church & Parish
Congregation of
Dedham, MA

Northeast Iowa UU
Fellowship, Decorah, IA

Amarillo UU Fellowship,
Amarillo, TX

UU Congregation of
Central Nassau,
Garden City, NY

Unitarian Fellowship
of South Florida,
Hollywood, FL

UU Fellowship of
Porterville, CA

News to share

General Assembly Happenings

The Unitarian Universalist Association's 2013 [General Assembly](#) is June 19–23 in Louisville, KY! Events of note (Visit the UUA booth in the Exhibit Hall to find out more):



- **Rock the Ribbon: Reengaging as a Welcoming Congregation** (workshop), Sat 1:45–3pm
- **Queer, Trans, Bi, Gay, & Lesbian Youth Ministry** (workshop), Thurs 3:30–4:45pm
- **Annual Interweave Banquet**, Fri noon–1:30pm
- **LGBTQ Ministers Reception**, Sat 7–8:30pm
- **LGBTQ + Allies Youth Gathering**, Thurs 8–9pm
- Debate and vote on proposed **bylaws changes regarding inclusion**, Plenary VII, Sat 3:30–5pm

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