

# 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

### LGBTQ Rights Maps

At the end of June, with the actions of the U.S. Supreme Court, we witnessed a profound change in access to rights for same-sex couples!



So where are we now? Check out these interactive maps from the Movement Advancement Project that offer a U.S. state-by-state breakdown of rights impacting LGBTQ people. How welcoming is your state?

[www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps](http://www.lgbtmap.org/equality-maps)

## An action to live it loud and proud

### Organize a Screening of *God Loves Uganda*



In Uganda, proposed legislation that would institute a death penalty for homosexuality has the support of over 85% of Ugandans, thanks in large part to the active organizing of the U.S. Religious Right.

The UU-United Nations Office and Rev. Mark Kiyimba urge you to take action, starting by organizing a screening of the powerful documentary *God Loves Uganda* to raise awareness of this issue.

[bit.ly/standingonthesideoflove\\_6-14-13](http://bit.ly/standingonthesideoflove_6-14-13)

## A story to inspire your work

### Unitarian Universalism Celebrates U.S. Supreme Court Decisions on DOMA and Prop 8—and Mourns Other Rulings



On June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court declared the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional and dismissed Proposition 8, and Unitarian Universalists across the country celebrated! Congratulations to all the UU state advocacy networks, UU congregations, Unitarian Universalist Association national staff, and thousands of individual UUs who worked so hard for this victory.

Read President Peter Morales's June 26 statement:

[uua.org/news/pressroom/pressreleases/287446.shtml](http://uua.org/news/pressroom/pressreleases/287446.shtml)

Unitarian Universalists also mourned other rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court, such as those on the Voting Rights Act and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Read a reflection from Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt and Rev. Meg Riley on holding this complexity: [bit.ly/huffingtonpost\\_justice-is-justice](http://bit.ly/huffingtonpost_justice-is-justice)

## News to share

### UUA General Assembly Votes on Adding Inclusion Text to Bylaws

The General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association voted in June to amend Article II of its bylaws to include new language labeled "Inclusion" that articulates a pledge to replace barriers to inclusion with "ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect."



Read more: [bit.ly/UUAinclusionvote](http://bit.ly/UUAinclusionvote)

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