

# 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*

### New Free Online Organizing Academy

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has launched a brand new Online Organizing Academy, a free and interactive site that offers access to free tools, skill building opportunities, powerful stories, and connection to other people who care about LGBTQ justice.

Find out more and sign up:

<http://bit.ly/NGLTFacademy>



## *An action to live it loud and proud*

### Deepen Your Reproductive Justice Engagement

Reproductive justice is LGBTQ justice, envisioning a world where **all** people can access full reproductive and sexual health and experience agency over their bodies, sexuality, and ability to raise (or not raise) children.



Reproductive justice is also Unitarian Universalism's 2012-2016 study/action issue, an opportunity for us to learn, reflect, and act together.

Lots of resources for congregations, including the Unitarian Universalist Association's new curriculum, are free online!

[uua.org/reproductive/action/200096.shtml](http://uua.org/reproductive/action/200096.shtml)

## A story to inspire your ministry

### Church Celebrates Welcoming Congregation Anniversary with Concert to Benefit LGBTQ Youth

The First Parish Church of Groton, MA, celebrated their tenth anniversary of being recognized as a Welcoming Congregation by hosting the Boston Gay Men's Chorus for a public concert, filling an 800-seat concert hall at a local middle school. The concert raised \$7,416 for five high school Gay-Straight Alliances and anti-bullying projects.



Full story here: [uua.org/interconnections/interconnections/281036.shtml](http://uua.org/interconnections/interconnections/281036.shtml)

## News to share

### Immigration Reform is a Top LGBTQ Issue

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force announced at its annual Creating Change Conference that immigration reform is a key priority for the LGBTQ movement. Watch a compelling video clip from the conference to learn why firsthand (*skip to 0:23:30*): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqFJ2UOkk-E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqFJ2UOkk-E)

**LGBT for  
immigration  
reform**

IMMIGRATION EQUALITY

In more news, President Obama's immigration plan will include same-sex couples, in response to a coalition of LGBTQ and immigration advocacy groups teaming up for the first time to take action for bi-national couples: [bit.ly/washblade-binational-couples](http://bit.ly/washblade-binational-couples)

Want to learn more about LGBTQ immigration justice? Check out **ImmigrationEquality**: <http://immigrationequality.org>

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