Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities

An
Interfaith Directory
of
Open, Welcoming, and LGBTQ+ Affirming
Christian, Jewish, New Thought,
and Orthodox-Catholic (American)
Congregations

Inviting You to
Share the Full Expression of Your Life
in
Faith and Spirituality and Community
and
Welcoming Your Full Participation and Service

Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities
is an Interfaith Directory
and
a grassroots Interfaith Coalition of faith leaders and community advocates,
openly welcoming, embracing and supporting all people across
intersecting identities of gender and sexual orientation
as they seek to experience and grow in their unique paths of
faith and spirituality.

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500 Don Anna Drive
Lexington, KY 40511
Rev. Marsha Moors-Charles
859-233-0208
http://bluegrassucc.com/

Central Baptist Church
110 Wilson Downing Road
Lexington, KY 40517
Rev. Mark Johnson
859-278-2331
http://www.lexcentral.com/

Central Christian Church
205 East Short Street
Lexington, KY 40507
Rev. David Shirey
859-233-1551
http://centralchristianlex.info

Christ Church Cathedral
166 Market Street
Lexington, KY 40507
Very Rev. Carol Wade
859-254-4497
http://www.ccclex.org/

Crestwood Christian Church
1882 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, KY 40503
Pastor Kory Wilcoxson
859-266-0459

Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel
2025 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, KY 40502
Rev. Laurie Brock
859-277-7511
http://www.saint-michaels.org

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
533 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Rev. Brian Cole, Rev. Andrew Hege
859-252-1744
http://www.goodshepherdlex.org
Faith Lutheran Church
1000 Tates Creek Road
Lexington, KY 40502
Rev. Mark Sloss
859-266-7621
http://www.faithlutheranchurch.com

First Presbyterian Church
171 Market Street
Lexington, KY 40507
Pastor Mark Davis
859-252-1919
http://fpclex.org

Hunter Presbyterian Church
109 Rosemont Garden
Lexington, KY 40503
Interim Clergy
859-277-5126
http://www.hunterlex.org/

Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers)
649 Price Avenue
Lexington, KY 40508
Peter Hardy, Meeting Clerk
859-254-3319
https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/lexington-friends-meeting

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church
180 East Maxwell Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Rev. Woody Berry, Rev. Matt Falco
859-255-1074
www.maxpres.org

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, KY 40502
Rabbi Moshe Smolkin
859-266-8050
http://www.ozs.org

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
401 North Upper Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Senior Warden Bill Stull
859-254-8325
http://www.standrewslex.com/
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St. Augustine’s Episcopal Chapel
A Lutheran & Episcopal Campus
Ministry at the University of KY
472 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Interim Clergy
859-254-3726
https://www.facebook.com/StAugustinesChapel/

St. Martha’s Episcopal Church
(Meeting at Word of Hope Lutheran Church)
1870 Armstrong Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40517
Rev. Sandy Stone
859-271-7641
http://stmarthaslex.org/

St. Mychal the Martyr
Orthodox-Catholic Church
1033 Industry Road
Lexington, KY 40505
Fr. Gregory Tumey, Pastor
Bishop Paul Waibel
859-382-5026
https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=orthodox%20catholic%20church%20of%20america

St. Raphael’s Episcopal Church
1891 Parkers Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40504
Rev. Karen Booth, Interim Rector
859-255-4987
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-raphaels-episcopal-church-lexington-ky

Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, KY 40502
Rabbi David Wirtschafter
859-269-2979
http://lextai.org
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<td>Highland Baptist Church</td>
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Metropolitan Community Church of Louisville
(Beginning July 28, 2017, Meeting at St. Andrew United Church of Christ)
2608 Brown’s Lane
Louisville, KY 40220
Pastor Colleen Foley
502-587-6225
502-994-6829
https://www.louisvillemcc.org/

Middlesboro
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
131 Edgewood Road
Middlesboro, KY 40965
Rev. Aelred Bernard Dean
606-248-6450
http://www.saintmarysmiddlesboro.org/

Morehead
St. Alban’s Episcopal Church
145 East Fifth Street
Morehead, KY 40351
Rev. Keila Thomas
606-784-6427
http://stalbansmorehead.org/

Nicholasville
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
3220 Lexington Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Rev. Margaret Shanks
859-885-6391
http://resurrectionky.org/

Richmond
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County
1081 Willis Branch Road
Richmond, KY 40475
President Robert Auchter
http://madisoncountyuu.org
(Phone number unavailable.)
Versailles (Midway area)
New Union Christian Church Interim Clergy
443 Old Frankfort Pike & Brown’s Mill Road
Versailles, KY 40383
http://www.newunionchristianchurch.org/home/
Affirming Faith & Spiritual Affiliations

The following national affiliations offer many resources, including search options for locating open, welcoming and LGBTQ+ affirming congregations by geographic regions across the country.

**Alliance of Baptists**
“A prophetic voice in Baptist life...we are a faith community comprised of male and female laity and clergy, people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, theological beliefs, and ministry practices.”
http://allianceofbaptists.org/Home

**American Friends Service Committee**
“A Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action.”
http://www.afsc.org/

**Believe OutLoud**
“An online community that empowers Christians to work for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) equality.”
http://www.believeoutloud.com/

**Dignity USA**
“Works for respect and justice of all sexual orientations, Genders and gender identities - especially gay, lesbian, Bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy, and support.”
https://www.dignityusa.org/
GLAD Alliance
“Setting a place at the table for all gender expressions and sexual orientations.” Building “a Christian Church Disciples of Christ) that welcomes persons of all gender expressions and sexual orientations to the table of Christ’s communion and to the full life and leadership of the Christian Church.”
http://gladalliance.org/site/

Integrity USA
“An Episcopal LGBTQ organization, Integrity USA proclaims and Embodies the all-inclusive love of God through worship, education, and advocacy.”
http://www.integrityusa.org/

Metropolitan Community Churches
TRANSFORMING OURSELVES AS WE TRANSFORM THE WORLD.
“MCC is a global denomination that is a welcoming place for all God’s people.
Founded in 1968 as a church for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community, Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) has been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements by addressing issues of race, gender, sexual orientation, economics, climate change, aging and global human rights.”
http://mccchurch.org/

More Light Presbyterians
“A network of people seeking the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).”
http://www.mlp.org/
My Out Spirit
“MyOutSpirit.Com provides ONE place to find LGBT-affirming mind/body/spirit resources, news, events and inspiration.”
http://www.myoutspirit.com/

Orthodox Catholic Church of America
“A welcoming and affirming community...whose clergy are women and men called to sacramental ministry in a myriad of settings.” “We make no distinction among persons with regard to sexual or gender identity or orientation.” “We celebrate the mystery of matrimony without regard to the gender of the two persons joining in it.”
http://www.orthodoxcatholicchurch.org/index.html

ReconcilingWorks for Full Lutheran Participation
Advocating “for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.”
https://www.reconcilingworks.org/

SOJOURN
“Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity Advancing LGBTQ affirmation and empowerment across the South.”
http://www.sojournsd.org/
Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregations
The “Unitarian Universalist community welcomes and celebrates the Presence and participation of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer.”
http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program
Affirming Faith & Spiritual Social Justice Organizations

*The following national organizations offer many resources for exploring and centering social justice within experiences of faith and spirituality.*

**Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion**

“To advance the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, and to transform faith communities and the wider society by taking a leading role in shaping a new public discourse on religion, gender, and sexuality through education, research, community building and advocacy.”

https://clgs.org/

**Global Justice Institute of the Metropolitan Community Churches**

“*The Spirit of our God is upon me; because the Most High has appointed me to bring Good News to those who are poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive, recovery of sight to those who are blind, and release to those in prison - to proclaim the year of our God’s favor.*”


http://www.globaljusticeinst.com/

**Human Rights Campaign Explore Religion and Faith**

An interfaith Program of resources. “The HRC Religion and Faith Program is working to create a world where nobody is forced to choose between who they are, whom they love and what they believe.”

https://clgs.org/
National Weekend of Prayer for Transgender Justice

“As people of faith and conscious, we oppose the use of religion to harm transgender people, and we recognize our responsibility to articulate a different moral vision...gender is a complex and sacred gift...the breathtaking diversity of Creation is to be honored, not questioned or denied.”

https://www.nationalweekendofprayer.org/

Reconciling Ministries Network

“Mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ’s inclusive love.”

https://www.rmnetwork.org/newrmn/

Religious Institute

“A multi-faith organization dedicated to advocating for sexual health, education, and justice in faith communities and society.”

http://religiousinstitute.org/

Transforming Hearts Collective

“Creates spaces for marginalized people to access resilience, healing, and spirituality, and resource faith communities and other groups for the work of radical inclusion, transformation, and culture shift.”

https://www.transformingheartscollective.org/
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Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities cares about your search for an Open, Welcoming, and LGBTQ+ Affirming faith and spiritual community.

Our opt-in Interfaith Directory is still growing.

We welcome referrals and suggestions for additional congregational listings whose inclusive practices and doctrines are Open, Welcoming, and LGBTQ+ Affirming.

New listings are added with the permission of the congregation’s senior leadership.

Changes to listings are welcomed from the congregations’ leadership offices.

Please share Directory Referrals, Suggestions, and Change Requests through:

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