Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities

An Interfaith Directory of Open, Welcoming & LGBTQ+ Affirming Congregations

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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 coalition of

faith and lay 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.

Leadership

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### Berea

**Berea Friends Meeting (Quakers)**
300 Harrison Road  
Berea, KY 40403  
Shannon Roberts Smith, Mtg. Clerk  
859-334-0406  

**Union Church**
200 Prospect Street  
Berea, KY 40404  
Rev. Kent Gilbert  
859-986-3725  

### Bowling Green

**Episcopal Campus Ministry**
at Western KY University  
1215 State Street  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Rev. Becca Kello, Chaplain  
270-843-6563  
[https://ecmwku.com/](https://ecmwku.com/)

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Bowling Green**
2033 Nashville Road  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Rev. Roger Mohr, Interim Minister  
270-842-4060  
[http://uubgky.org/](http://uubgky.org/)

### Frankfort

**Church of the Ascension**
311 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Rev. William Jessee Neat  
502-223-0557  

**Highland Christian Church**
265 Versailles Road and Lyons Drive  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Pastor Scott Rollins  
502-875-3100  
[http://www.highlandchristianchurch.org](http://www.highlandchristianchurch.org)

**Immanuel Baptist Church**
1075 Collins Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Pastor Chuck Queen  
502-223-7601  
**Goshen**
Grace & Glory Lutheran Church
11952 West US Highway 42
*(Located between Goshen Lane and Belnap Farm Road)*
Goshen, KY 40026

**Lexington**
Ahava Center for Spiritual Living
168 Burt Road
Lexington, KY 40503

Bluegrass United Church of Christ
500 Don Anna Drive
Lexington, KY 40511

Central Baptist Church
110 Wilson Downing Road
Lexington, KY 40517

Central Christian Church
205 East Short Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Christ Church Cathedral
166 Market Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Crestwood Christian Church
1882 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel
2025 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, KY 40502

Pastor Karleen Jung
502-228-0650
http://graceglory.weebly.com/

Rev. Soni Cantrell
859-373-8910
http://ahavacenter.com

Rev. Marsha Moors-Charles
859-233-0208
http://bluegrassucc.com/

Rev. Mark Johnson
859-278-2331
http://www.lexcentral.com/

Rev. David Shirey, Rev. Elizabeth King
859-233-1551
http://centralchristianlex.info

Very Rev. Carol Wade
859-254-4497
http://www.ccclex.org/

Pastor Kory Wilcoxson
859-266-0459

Rev. Laurie Brock
859-277-7511
http://www.saint-michaels.org
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**EmailAddress**

- goodshepherdlex.org
- faithlutheranchurch.com
- fpclex.org
- hunterlex.org/
- https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/lexington-friends-meeting
- maxpres.org
- ozs.org
- http://www.standrewslex.com/
St. Augustine’s Chapel  
*An Episcopal & Lutheran Campus*  
*Ministry at University of KY*  
Campus Missioner, Rob Coulston  
859-254-3726  
https://www.facebook.com/StAugustinesChapel/  
472 Rose Street  
Lexington, KY 40508

St. Martha’s Episcopal Church &  
Word of Hope Lutheran Church  
Rev. Sandy Stone  
859-272-8515  
http://stmarthaslex.org/  
http://wordofhopechurch.com/  
1870 Armstrong Mill Road  
Lexington, KY 40517

St. Mychal the Martyr  
Orthodox-Catholic Church  
(Meets at Allen House on  
*Unitarian Universalist Church*  
of Lexington campus)  
Fr. Gregory Tumey, Pastor  
Bishop Paul Waibel  
859-382-5026  
3564 Clays Mill Road  
Lexington, KY 40505  
https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=orthodox%20catholic%20church%20of%20america

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

Temple Adath Israel  
Rabbi David Wirtschafter  
859-269-2979  
124 North Ashland Avenue  
Lexington, KY 40502  
http://lextai.org

Twin Pines Christian Church  
Rev. Bennie Braddick  
859-271-6711  
1139 Tanbark Road  
Lexington, KY 40515  
http://twinpines.church/index.html
Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington
3564 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40503
Rev. Brian Chenoweth
859-223-1448
http://www.uucl.org/

Woodland Christian Church
530 East High Street
Lexington, KY 40502
Rev. Dalene Vasbinder
859-266-3416
http://woodlandchristianlex.org

Word of Hope Lutheran Church & St. Martha’s Episcopal Church
1870 Armstrong Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40517
Pastor Sandy Stone
859-272-8515
http://wordofhopechurch.com/
http://stmarthaslex.org/

Louisville
Crescent Hill Baptist Church
2800 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
Rev. Jason Crosby, Co-Pastor
Rev. Andrea Woolley, Co-Pastor
502-896-4425
http://chbcky.org/

Douglass Boulevard Christian Church
2005 Douglass Boulevard
Louisville, KY 40205
Pastor Derek Penwell
502-452-2629
http://douglassblvdcc.com

Episcopal-Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Louisville
University of Louisville Interfaith Center
2201 South First Street Walk
Louisville, KY 40208
Pastor Austin Newberry
502-852-6598
https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalLutheran-Campus-Ministry-at-UofL-135179727205988/

Faith Community Church, United Church of Christ
14001 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY 40245
Trish Lanman, Council President
502-244-2704
https://www.facebook.com/FCUCLouisville/
First Lutheran Church
417 East Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
Pastor Austin Newberry
502-584-4926
http://thewelcomeplace.com/

Grace Immanuel
United Church of Christ
1612 Story Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206
Rev. Greg Bain
502-587-6190
https://www.graceimmanuelucc.org/

Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY 40204
Rev. Jim England, Interim Proclaimer
502-451-3735
http://hbclouisville.org

Louisville Center for Spiritual Living
107 North Lyndon Lane
Louisville, KY 40207
Rev. Carolyn Harvill
812-288-1080
http://www.lcslonline.org/

Metropolitan Community Church of Louisville
(Meets at Saint Andrew UCC)
2608 Browns Lane
Louisville, KY 40220
Pastor Colleen Foley
502-587-6225
502-994-6829
https://www.louisvillemcc.org/

Saint Andrew United Church of Christ
2608 Browns Lane
Louisville, KY 40220
Rev. Lori Miller-Price
502-452-1777
http://www.saintandrewwucc.org/

Temple Congregation Adath
5101 US Highway 42
Louisville, KY 40241
Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport
Rabbi David Ariel-Joel
502-423-1818
https://www.thetemplelouky.org/

Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church
4936 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40222
Interim
502-425-6943
http://www.tjuc.org/
Unity of Louisville
757 South Brook Street
Louisville, KY 40203

Rev. Ray Nelson
Rev. Valerie Mansfield, Rev. Gwen Moser
502-583-5559
http://www.unityofflouisville.org/

Morehead
St. Alban’s Episcopal Church
145 East Fifth Street
Morehead, KY 40351

Rev. Keila Thomas
606-784-6427
http://stalbansmorehead.org/

Middlesboro
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
131 Edgewood Road
Middlesboro, KY 40965

Rev. Br. Aelred Bernard Dean
606-248-6450
http://www.saintmarysmiddlesboro.org/

Murray
Episcopal College Fellowship at
Murray State University
1625 Farmer Avenue
Murray, KY 42071

Rev. Matt Bradley, Chaplain
270-227-9109
facebook.com/msuecf

St. John’s Episcopal Church
1620 West Main Street
Murray, KY 42071

Rev. Matt Bradley
270-753-6908
https://stjohnsmurray.org/

Nicholasville
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
3220 Lexington Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Rev. Margaret Shanks
859-885-6391
http://resurrectionky.org/
**Paducah**

Metropolitan Community Church  
Pastor Lillian Ferguson  
728 Tennessee Street  
270-933-1673  
Paducah, KY 42003  
https://www.facebook.com/pg/MCC-Of-Paducah-183748354326/about/?ref=page_internal

**Prestonsburg**

St. James Episcopal Church  
Rev. Judy Yunker  
214 South Central Avenue  
606-506-5101  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
https://www.stjamesdiolex.org/

**Richmond**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
President Robert Auchter  
of Madison County  
http://madisoncountyuu.org  
1081 Willis Branch Road  
(Phone number unavailable.)  
Richmond, KY 40475

**Versailles (Midway area)**

New Union Christian Church  
Pastor Deborah Phelps  
443 Old Frankfort Pike  
859-429-0771  
(at Brown’s Mill Road)  
http://www.newunionchristianchurch.org/home/  
Versailles, KY 40383
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 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](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.”

**Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists**
“...devoted to building the Welcoming and Affirming movement within the Baptist traditions.”

**Believe OutLoud**
“An online community that empowers Christians to work for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) equality.”
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.sojournsgd.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/](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." Luke 4:18-19 (The Inclusive Bible)"


**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/](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/
Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities
cares about your search for an
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faith and spiritual community.

Our opt-in Directory is still growing.

We welcome referrals and suggestions
for additional Directory 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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