Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities

An Interfaith Directory of Open, Welcoming & LGBTQ+ Affirming *KY Congregations, & Faith-Based Resources

*Many congregations offer new & greatly expanded online connections & communities.

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Open, Welcoming, LGBTQ+ Affirming

Christian, Jewish, New Thought and Orthodox-Catholic (American)

KY Congregations, and Faith-Based Affiliations and Social Justice Resources

Inviting Full Participation and Service in Doctrine and Practice

Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities

is an opt-in interfaith Kentucky 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.

Directory listings are believed to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief,

at the time of publication.

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Berea, KY 40404
Rev. Kent Gilbert
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http://union-church.org/

Bowling Green
Episcopal Campus Ministry
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1215 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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270-843-6563
https://ecmwku.com/

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Bowling Green
2033 Nashville Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101
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270-842-4060
http://uubgky.org/

Frankfort
Church of the Ascension
311 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
Rev. Peter Doddema
502-223-0557
https://www.ascensionfrankfort.org/

Immanuel Baptist Church
1075 Collins Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
Pastor Chuck Queen
502-223-7601
https://ibcfrankfort.com/
Goshen
Grace & Glory Lutheran Church
11952 West US Highway 42
(Between Goshen Lane & Belnap Farm Road)
Goshen, KY 40026
Pastor Karleen Jung
502-228-0650
http://graceglory.weebly.com/

Lexington
Ahava Center for Spiritual Living
168 Burt Road
Lexington, KY 40503
Rev. Soni Cantrell, Founding Minister
Rev. Rainbow Weldon, Assistant Minister
859-373-8910
https://www.ahavacsl.com/

Bluegrass United Church of Christ
500 Don Anna Drive
Lexington, KY 40511
Rev. Marsha Moors-Charles,
Pastor Pam Lee Miller, Pastor Kenny Bishop
859-287-2827
https://bluegrasschurch.org/

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

Central Christian Church
205 East Short Street
Lexington, KY 40507
Rev. David Shirey, Senior Minister
Rev. Elizabeth King, Min. of Congregational Care
859-233-1551
https://www.centralchristianlex.org/

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, Senior Minister
Pastor Trish Standifur, Associate Minister
859-266-0459
https://www.crestwoodchristian.org/
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South Elkhorn Christian Church (DOC)
4343 Harrodsburg Road
Lexington, KY 40513
Rev. Michael Swartzentruber
Rev. Holly Fuqua
859-223-1433
http://www.southelkhorncc.org/

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
401 North Upper Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Rev. Michael Henderson
859-254-8325
http://www.standrewslex.org/

St. Augustine’s Chapel
An Episcopal & Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of KY
472 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40508
Rob Coulston, Campus Minister
859-254-3726
https://stasatuk.org/

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

St. Mychal the Martyr
Orthodox Catholic Church
(Meets at Allen House - Unitarian Universalist Lexington campus)
3564 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40503
Fr. Gregory Tumey, Pastor
Bishop Paul Waibel
859-382-5026
https://www.facebook.com/mychalthemartyr/

St. Raphael’s Episcopal Church
1891 Parkers Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40504
Rev. Helen Van Koeverying
859-255-4987
https://sreclex.org/

Temple Adath Israel
124 North Ashland Avenue
Lexington, KY 40502
Rabbi David Wirtschafter
859-269-2979
http://lextai.org
Twin Pines Christian Church
1139 Tanbark Road
Lexington, KY  40515
Rev. Dann Masden, Interim Sr. Pastor
859-271-6711
http://twinpines.church/index.html

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington
3564 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY  40503
Rev. Brian Chenoweth
859-223-1448
http://uucl.org/

Woodland Christian Church
530 East High Street
Lexington, KY  40502
Rev. Christy Jo Harber
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.com/

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

Faith Community Church,
United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Kathy Allen, Sr. Pastor
502-244-2704
14001 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY  40245
https://www.facebook.com/FCUCCLouisville/

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Austin Newberry
417 East Broadway
502-584-4926
Louisville, KY  40202
http://thewelcomeplace.com/

Grace Immanuel
United Church of Christ
Rev. D. Houston Hall, Intentional Interim Pastor
502-587-6190
1612 Story Avenue
Louisville, KY  40206
https://www.graceimmanuelucc.org/

Highland Baptist Church
Pastor Mary Alice Birdwhistell
1101 Cherokee Road
502-451-3735
Louisville, KY  40204
http://hbclouisville.org

Louisville Center for Spiritual Living
Rev. Rick McCollum, Spiritual Director
Online Community:
502-413-6526
https://www.meetup.com/Louisville-Center-for-Spiritual-Living/
http://www.lcslonline.org/
Metropolitan Community Church of Louisville
(Meets at Saint Andrew UCC)
2608 Browns Lane
Louisville, KY 40220
Rev. Stedney Phillips, Pastor
502-587-6225
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/

St. Peter’s United Church of Christ
Russell Plaza
1407 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40203
Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson
502-583-5544
https://www.stpeterucclou.org/

The Temple
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 Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt
502-425-6943
http://www.tjuc.org/

Unity of East Louisville
740 Old Harrods Creek Road
Louisville, KY 40223
Rev. Valerie Mansfield, Rev. Gwen Moser
502-244-9696
https://www.unityofeastlouisville.org/
https://www.facebook.com/unityofeastlouisville

Unity of Louisville
757 South Brook Street
Louisville, KY 40203
Rev. Valerie Mansfield, Rev. Gwen Moser
Leah Zellers
502-583-5559
http://www.unityoflouisville.org/
https://www.facebook.com/UnityOfLouisville
Morehead
St. Alban’s Episcopal Church
145 East Fifth Street
Morehead, KY 40351
Rev. Gretchen Weller
606-784-6427, 859-628-0433
https://www.facebook.com/stalbansmorehead/

Middlesboro
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
131 Edgewood Road
Middlesboro, KY 40965
Rev. Br. Aelred Bernard Dean
606-248-6450
https://www.saintmarysmboro.com/

Murray
Episcopal College Fellowship at Murray State University
1625 Farmer Avenue
Murray, KY 42071
Interim Chaplain
270-753-6908
https://stjohnsmurray.org/ecf/
facebook.com/msuecf

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

Paris
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
311 High Street
Paris, KY 40361
Rev. Dr. Keila C. Thomas
859-987-2760
http://stpetersparisky.org/
Prestonsburg
St. James Episcopal Church  
Rev. Judy Yunker
2702 South Lake Drive  
606-886-8046
Prestonsburg, KY  41653
https://episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-james-episcopal-church-prestonsburg-ky

Richmond
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour of Madison County  
Rev. Carol Ruthven
2323 Lexington Road  
859-623-1226
Richmond, KY  40475
https://oursaviourky.org/
https://www.facebook.com/oursaviourky/

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Madison County  
President Karen Janssen
1081 Willis Branch Road  
http://madisoncountyuu.org
https://www.facebook.com/uufmc
(phone number unavailable)

Versailles (Midway area)
New Union Christian Church  
Pastor Deborah Phelps
443 Old Frankfort Pike  
859-429-0771
(Versailles, KY  40383)
http://www.newunionchristianchurch.org/home/
Affirming Faith & Spiritual Affiliations

National & international affiliations offering a variety of resources, including search options for locating open, welcoming and LGBTQ+ affirming congregations and communities across the US.

Affirmation LGBTQ Mormons Families & Friends
“We affirm the inherent self-worth of LGBTQIA+ individuals as complete, equal, and valuable persons and support them as they define their individual spirituality and intersection with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.”
https://affirmation.org/

Alliance of Baptists
“... We acknowledge that sexual and gender diversity defy binary categories and are intrinsically a part of the divine beauty and wonder of creation.”
https://allianceofbaptists.org/

American Friends Service Committee
“...American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization devoted to service, development, and peace programs throughout the world. Our work is based on the belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.”
http://www.afsc.org/

Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists
“...to create and support a community of churches, organizations and individuals committed to the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in the full life and mission of Baptist churches.”
http://www.awab.org/
Believe Out Loud
“...Believe Out Loud exists to represent and advocate for a belief system that unequivocally embraces, affirms and celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people
http://www.believeoutloud.com/

Dignity USA
“DignityUSA works for respect and justice for people 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/

Disciples LGBTQ+ 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://disciplesallianceq.org/

Metropolitan Community Churches

TRANSFORMING OURSELVES AS WE TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

“Since its founding in 1968, MCC has been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements by addressing important issues such as racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism, and other forms of oppression. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBT equality movement.”
http://mccchurch.org/
More Light Presbyterians
“...seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.”
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 Lutherans For Full 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/
Room for All
“To support, educate, and advocate for the welcome and full affirmation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Reformed Church in America.”
https://roomforall.com/

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship International
“To provide a safe spiritual and social community to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex current and former Seventh-day Adventists, their families, and those who support them.”
https://www.sdakinship.org/

SOJOURN
“The Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity (SOJOURN) is the American South’s Resources for Jewish and LGBTQ+ programming, education, support and advocacy. Our mission is to advance LGBTQ+ affirmation and empowerment across the South.”
http://www.sojourngsd.org/

Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregations
Working “hard to make sure lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people are full members of our faith communities. Being welcoming means striving for radical inclusion, and creating spaces that honor every part of our identities, backgrounds, and experiences.”
http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program
Affirming Faith & Spirituality-Focused Social Justice Programs & Resources

National and international organizations, including higher education settings, that explore and center social justice within experiences of faith and spirituality. Some offer search options for locating open, welcoming and LGBTQ+ affirming congregations.

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

http://www.globaljusticeinst.com/

Human Rights Campaign Religion and Faith Resources
“The HRC Foundation Religion and Faith Program is working to build a world where LGBTQ people of faith are celebrated for every part of who they are, while fighting to ensure that religion is not used as a weapon of hate and discrimination.”
https://www.hrc.org/resources/religion-faith
https://www.hrc.org/resources/faith-resources
Hebrew Jewish College
Institute of Religion
Institute of Judaism & Sexual Orientation

“...a unique entity within the Jewish community with its explicit mission of preparing Jewish leadership with the capacity, compassion and skills to change congregational attitudes, policies, and indeed, Jewish society, so as to include each and every Jew, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.”
http://ijso.huc.edu/

Keshet - For LGBTQ Equality in Jewish Life

“Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We strengthen Jewish communities. We equip Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued, and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide.”
https://www.keshetonline.org/

Many Voices

“As a Black church movement for gay and transgender justice, we envision a community that embraces the diversity of the human family and ensures that all are treated with love, compassion, and justice.”
https://www.manyvoices.org/

National LGBTQ Task Force: Institute for Welcoming Resources - Towards a Welcoming & Inclusive Church
Shares and develops “resources to empower people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to work for justice in church and society.”
http://www.welcomingresources.org/index.htm
PFLAG Faith Resources
“First and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people, and their parents and families, and allies...committed to creating a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed.”
https://pflag.org/search?keys=faith%20resources

Q Christian Fellowship
“...models a world where all LGBTQ+ people are fully loved by family, church, and community, and Christians worldwide live up to their calling to be instruments of grace and defenders of the outcasts.” The name reflects that membership is an organization of “…not just gay Christians, but a rich plurality of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, intersex, questioning, queer, asexual, pansexual, polyamorous, and minority Christians.”
https://www.qchristian.org/

Reconciling Ministries Network
“Since 1984, Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) has worked to transform hearts, churches, and communities...[and] equips and mobilizes United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.”
https://rmnetwork.org/

The Freedom Center of Social Justice
Trans Faith and Action Network
FCSJ is “A culture-shifting organization committed to the growth, safety and empowerment of marginalized populations...through advocacy, community education, and faith-based organizing.”
TFAAN “is a collective of trans people of faith...” within FCSJ.
http://transfaan.com/
https://fcsj.org/
Transforming Hearts Collective

“Represents a vision of a world in which queer and trans people can show up fully as ourselves in all of the places we call home... and we resource faith communities and other groups for the work of radical inclusion and culture shift.”

https://www.transformingheartscollective.org/
Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities cares about the search for open, welcoming and LGBTQ+ affirming faith and spiritual communities.

The Directory’s interfaith congregation listings are opt-in.

Referrals and suggestions for additional KY congregations with open, welcoming, and LGBTQ+ affirming inclusive practices and doctrines are welcome.

A consent process follows all referrals and suggestions, prior to adding new congregation listings to the Directory.

Changes to listings are confirmed through congregations’ leaders and administrators.

Questions and concerns about the Directory are always welcome.

Please share Directory referrals, suggestions, change requests, and questions and concerns with:

Directory Project Leader

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