

AFFIRMATION ACTS!

The 1972 General Conference first declared, "we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this...to be incompatible with Christian teaching."

There was no voice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in The United Methodist Church.

We worked together to form **AFFIRMATION, FOUNDED 1975.**

As General Conferences voted more restrictively, LGBTQ

United Methodists were often isolated and without support in their local area.

AFFIRMATION ACTED!

Starting and resourcing local chapters across the nation.

The 1984 General Conference ruled that "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" cannot be UM clergy.

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Inviting local churches to become Reconciling Congregations, explicitly welcoming of LGBTQ people.

The 1988 General Conference finally voted to study homosexuality.

AFFIRMATION ACTED!

Insisting that committee members include and talk with us.

The 1992 General Conference refused to listen to LGBTQ voices.

AFFIRMATION ACTED!

Demonstrating during the plenary that "The Stones Will Cry Out!"

The 1996 General Conference outlawed "ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions."

AFFIRMATION ACTED!

Creating Covenant Relations Network (CORNET) on-line, arguing before the Judicial Council, and founding Valentine's Day services for couples.

The 2000 General Conference reaffirmed discriminatory legislation.

AFFIRMATION ACTED!

Participating in civil disobedience, and reaching out to comfort and heal GC wounds.

The 2004 General Conference heard voices of exclusion and division getting louder.

AFFIRMATION ACTED!

Joining the Prayer Vigil outside and the "River of Life" on the conference floor, and revitalizing our vision for the future.

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YESTERDAY, TODAY,

TOMORROW...

AFFIRMATION:

United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns



RESPECT

LOVE

JUSTICE

*"No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another,
God lives in us, and God's
love is made complete in us."
(1 John 4:12)*



We are
AFFIRMATION:
United Methodists for
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
Transgender Concerns

OUR MISSION:
As an independent voice of
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, and Queer people,
Affirmation radically reclaims the
compassionate and transforming
gospel of Jesus Christ by
relentlessly pursuing full inclusion
in the Church as we journey
with the Spirit in creating
God's beloved community.

As an activist caucus of lesbian, gay,
bisexual, transgender, and queer people,
family, and friends, together we seek to:

*** CREATE ***

a spiritually supportive community,
and offer programs that affirm
and celebrate our unique identities.

*** EQUIP ***

each other through educational
resources and experiences,
including leadership development.

*** INFORM ***

our membership of LGBTQ happenings
both within and outside the church.

*** EMPOWER ***

each other to work for inclusion
and justice wherever we are.

*** ADVOCATE ***

in partnership with other justice-seeking
United Methodist groups.

*** WITNESS ***

and act prophetically in ecumenical,
interfaith, and secular arenas.

*** PRAY ***

into being a new world where
every one is cherished and beloved.



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I WANT TO JOIN AFFIRMATION

Working for respect, love, and justice in
The United Methodist Church and beyond.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

___ I want to be more involved in the vision
of Affirmation, nationally or locally.

___ I am interested in connecting with
like-minded people in my area.

___ I do / ___ I do not have internet access.

___ I want to receive communication by email.

I SUPPORT AFFIRMATION'S MISSION

___ I will pray for Affirmation.

___ I will volunteer my skills: _____

___ \$25.00 Annual Membership

___ \$10.00 Low Income

___ Other: I pledge \$ _____

___ monthly ___ quarterly ___ one payment

___ Check enclosed

___ Visa ___ Mastercard / Expires _____

Card number _____

Signature _____

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