

Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities



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

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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.

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Berea

Berea Friends Meeting (Quakers)
300 Harrison Road
Berea, KY 40403

Shannon Roberts Smith, Mtg. Clerk
859-334-0406
<http://www.bereafriends.org/>

Union Church
200 Prospect Street
Berea, KY 40404

Rev. Kent Gilbert
859-986-3725
<http://union-church.org/>

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/>

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Bowling Green
2033 Nashville Road
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Rev. Roger Mohr, Interim Minister
270-842-4060
<http://uubgky.org/>

Frankfort

Church of the Ascension
311 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Rev. William Jessee Neat
502-223-0557

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/church-ascension-frankfort-ky>

Highland Christian Church
265 Versailles Road and Lyons Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601

Pastor Scott Rollins
502-875-3100
<http://www.highlandchristianchurch.org>

Immanuel Baptist Church
1075 Collins Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

Pastor Chuck Queen
502-223-7601
<http://ibcfrankfort.com/Home.aspx>

Goshen

Grace & Glory Lutheran Church
11952 West US Highway 42
*(Located between Goshen Lane and
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
859-373-8910
<http://ahavacenter.com>

Bluegrass United Church of Christ
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, Rev. Elizabeth King
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
<http://www.crestwoodchristian.com/index.php>

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. Michael Carlisle, Interim Rector
Rev. Andrew Hege, Associate Priest
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

Rev. Jay T. Silence, Interim Clergy
859-277-5126
<http://www.hunterlex.org/>

Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers)
649 Price Avenue
Lexington, KY 40508

Ben Griffith, Co-Meeting Clerk
Douglas Duff, Co-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. 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

Rev. Marsha Hunter
859-254-8325
<http://www.standrewslex.com/>

St. Augustine's Chapel
*An Episcopal & Lutheran Campus
Ministry at University of KY*
472 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Campus Missioner, Rob Coulston
859-254-3726
<https://www.facebook.com/StAugustinesChapel/>

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.org/>
<http://wordofhopechurch.com/>

St. Mychal the Martyr
Orthodox-Catholic Church
(Meets at Allen House on
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Lexington campus)
3564 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40505

https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Mychal-the-Martyr-Parish/126702474038356?sk=info&ref=page_internal

<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. Helen Van Koevering
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>

Twin Pines Christian Church
1139 Tanbark Road
Lexington, KY 40515

Rev. Bennie Braddick
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://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/FCUCCLouisville/>

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
(Meets at Unity of East Louisville)
740 Old Harrods Creek Road
Louisville, KY 40223

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.louisvillebcc.org/>

Saint Andrew United Church of Christ
2608 Browns Lane
Louisville, KY 40220

Rev. Lori Miller-Price
502-452-1777
<http://www.saintandrewucc.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
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.unityoflouisville.org/>

Morehead

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

Rev. Keila Thomas
606-784-6427
<http://stalbanmorehead.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
728 Tennessee Street
Paducah, KY 42003

Pastor Lillian Ferguson
270-933-1673

https://www.facebook.com/pg/MCC-Of-Paducah-183748354326/about/?ref=page_internal

Prestonsburg

St. James Episcopal Church
214 South Central Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Rev. Judy Yunker
606-506-5101
<https://www.stjamesdiolox.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
443 Old Frankfort Pike
(at Brown's Mill Road)
Versailles, KY 40383

Pastor Deborah Phelps
859-429-0771
<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 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**

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/>



Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists

"...devoted to building the Welcoming and Affirming movement within the Baptist traditions."

<http://www.awab.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



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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.”

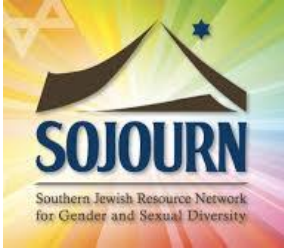
<http://www.orthodoxcatholicchurch.org/index.html>



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.sojourngsd.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 anointed 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)*

<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

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“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
Open, Welcoming and LGBTQ+ Affirming
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 by permission from
congregations' senior leadership representatives.*

*Changes to existing listings are welcomed
when submitted from
congregations' senior leadership offices.*



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

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