

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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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

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

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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. Dr. Deane Oliva, Affiliate Minister
Rev. Peter Connolly, Minister Emeritus
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/>

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

Rev. Laurie Brock, Rector
Rev. W. Jessee Neat, Priest Associate
859-277-7511
<http://www.saint-michaels.org>

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
533 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Rev. G. Hendree Harrison, Jr., Rector
Rev. Jon Hall, Assist. to Rector, Pastoral Care
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. Emily Miller
859-277-5126
<http://www.hunterlex.org/>

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

Whitney Blackburn-Lynch, Co-Meeting Clerk
Princess Nelson, Co-Meeting Clerk
859-254-3319
<https://lexingtonfriends.org/>

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church
180 East Maxwell Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Rev. Matt Falco, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rachel Vankirk Mathews, Associate Pastor
859-255-1074
www.maxpres.org

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, KY 40502

Interim
859-266-8050
<http://www.ozs.org>

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 Koevering
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
University of Louisville Interfaith Center
2201 South First Street Walk
Louisville, KY 40208

Pastor Austin Newberry
502-852-6598
<http://www.episcopalcampusministryuofl.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalLutheran-Campus-Ministry-at-UofL-135179727205988/>

Faith Community Church,
United Church of Christ
14001 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY 40245

Rev. Dr. Kathy Allen, Sr. Pastor
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. D. Houston Hall, Intentional Interim Pastor
502-587-6190
<https://www.graceimmanuelucc.org/>

Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY 40204

Pastor Mary Alice Birdwhistell
502-451-3735
<http://hbclouisville.org>

Louisville Center for Spiritual Living

Rev. Rick McCollum, Spiritual Director
502-413-6526

Online Community:

<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.saintandrewucc.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
2702 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Rev. Judy Yunker
606-886-8046

<https://episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-james-episcopal-church-prestonsburg-ky>

Richmond

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour of
Madison County
2323 Lexington Road
Richmond, KY 40475

Rev. Carol Ruthven
859-623-1226

<https://oursaviourky.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/oursaviourky/>

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of Madison County
1081 Willis Branch Road
Richmond, KY 40475

President Karen Janssen
<http://madisoncountyuu.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/uufmc>
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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

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  **OUTLOUD™**

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



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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.”

<http://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.”

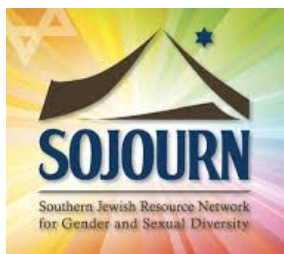
<https://roomforall.com/>



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>

This Unitarian Universalist community welcomes and celebrates the presence and participation of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer.



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



*“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 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/>



For LGBTQ
equality in
Jewish life

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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