

# Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities



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

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*Interfaith Directory of*  
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*Christian, Jewish, New Thought, and Orthodox-Catholic (American)*  
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*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](http://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/pages/St-Mychal-the-Martyr-Parish/126702474038356?sk=info&ref=page_internal)

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=orthodox%20catholic%20church%20of%20america>

Fr. Gregory Tumey, Pastor  
Bishop Paul Waibel  
859-382-5026

St. Raphael's Episcopal Church  
1891 Parkers Mill Road  
Lexington, KY 40504

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-raphaels-episcopal-church-lexington-ky>

Rev. Helen Van Koevering  
859-255-4987

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](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™**

## **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.”

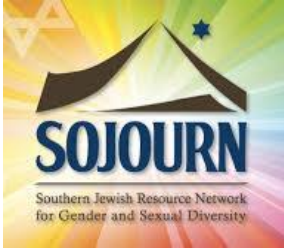
<http://www.orthodoxcatholicchurch.org/index.html>



### **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  
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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 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  
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