

Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities



An Interfaith Directory
of
Welcoming & Affirming
Congregations

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Expressions of faith and spirituality are individual and deeply personal.

We invite you to explore the following Christian, Jewish, New Thought and Orthodox-Catholic congregations as a first-step guide, knowing they choose to be a partner in your search for an open, welcoming and LGBTQ+ affirming faith and spiritual community.

Bluegrass Rainbow Faith Communities is an interfaith grassroots coalition of faith leaders and community advocates welcoming, embracing and supporting all people across the spectrums of gender identity and sexual orientation as they seek to experience and grow in faith and spirituality.

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Ahava Center for Spiritual Living
168 Burt Road
Lexington, KY 40503

Rev. Soni Cantrell
859-373-8910
<http://ahavacenter.com>

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

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

Bluegrass United Church of Christ
500 Don Anna Drive
Lexington, KY 40511

Rev. Marsha Moors-Charles
859-983-9399
<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
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/>

Church of the Ascension
311 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Rev. William Jessee Neat
502-223-0557
<http://www.ascensionfrankfort.org/>

Crestwood Christian Church
1882 Bellefonte Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

Pastor Kory Wilcoxson
859-266-0459
<http://www.crestwoodchristian.com/index.php>

Douglass Boulevard Christian Church
2005 Douglass Boulevard
Louisville, KY 40205

Pastor Derek Penwell
502-452-2629
<http://douglassblvdcc.com>

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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 Resurrection
3220 Lexington Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Rev. Margaret Shanks
859-885-6391
<http://resurrectionky.org/>

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

Rev. Brian Cole, Rev. Andrew Hege
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>

Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY 40204

Pastor Joe Phelps
502-451-3735
<http://hbclouisville.org>

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

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

Hunter Presbyterian Church
109 Rosemont Garden
Lexington, KY 40503

Rev. Jason Santalucia
859-277-5126
<http://www.hunterlex.org/>

Immanuel Baptist Church
1075 Collins Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

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

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

<https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/lexington-friends-meeting>

Peter Hardy, Meeting Clerk
859-254-3319

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

Rev. Woody Berry
859-255-1074
www.maxpres.org

New Union Christian Church
Old Frankfort Pike at Brown's Mill Road
Versailles, KY

Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Kemper
859-351-3810
<http://www.newunionchristianchurch.org/home/>

Ohavay Zion Synagogue
2048 Edgewater Court
Lexington, KY 40502

Rabbi Moshe Smolkin
859-266-8050
<http://www.ozs.org>

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

Rev. Keila Thomas
606-784-6427
<http://stalbanmorehead.org/>

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
401 North Upper Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Senior Warden Bill Stull
859-254-8325
<http://www.standrewslex.com/>

St. Augustine's Chapel
A Lutheran & Episcopal Campus Ministry at UK
472 Rose Street
Lexington, KY 40508

Rev. Dana Lockhart
859-254-3726
<http://saintaugustineschapel.com/site/>

St. Martha's Episcopal Church
(Meeting at Word of Hope Lutheran Church)
1870 Armstrong Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40517

Rev. Sandy Stone
859-271-7641
<http://stmarthaslex.org/>

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St. Mychal the Martyr Orthodox-Catholic Church Bishop Paul Waibel
1033 Industry Road Fr. Gregory Tumey, Assoc. Priest
Lexington, KY 40505 859-338-1195
https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Mychal-the-Martyr-Parish/126702474038356?sk=info&ref=page_internal

St. Raphael's Episcopal Church Fr. Johnnie Ross
1891 Parkers Mill Road 859-255-4987
Lexington, KY 40504
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/parish/st-raphaels-episcopal-church-lexington-ky>

Temple Adath Israel Rabbi David Wirtschafter
124 North Ashland Avenue 859-269-2979
Lexington, KY 40502 <http://lentai.org>

Union Church Rev. Kent Gilbert, Rev. Rachel Small Stokes
200 Prospect Street 859-986-3725
Berea, KY 40404 <http://union-church.org/>

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

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship President Robert Auchter
of Madison County <http://madisoncountyuu.org>
1081 Willis Branch Road *(Phone number unavailable.)*
Richmond, KY 40475

Woodland Christian Church Rev. Dalene Vasbinder
530 East High Street 859-266-3416
Lexington, KY 40502 <http://woodlandchristianlex.org>

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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.



**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/>

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/>



GLAD Alliance

“Members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), called to join in God’s work of transforming the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) into a just and inclusive church that welcomes persons of all gender expressions and sexual identities into the full life and leadership of the 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/>

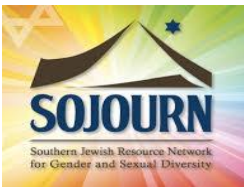
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More Light Presbyterians

“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/>



SOJOURN

Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity,
“Advancing LGBTQ affirmation and empowerment across the South.”

<http://www.sojournsd.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>

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*We care about your search
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*Our opt-in Directory is still growing.
We gladly receive referrals and suggestions for additional Directory listings.*

*New Directory listings are added only with permission
from the leadership of referred and suggested congregations.*

*Changes to individual Directory listings are welcomed,
and made only after obtaining confirmation of requested changes
from the
leadership of the congregation whose listing will change.*

***Please Make
Referrals and Suggestions for New Directory Listings,
and
Request Changes to
Existing Directory Listings
Through:***

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