

Transgender Equity & Inclusion: Our History of Loving Our Siblings



“The United Church of Christ for **over 25 years continues to show up for our LGBTQIA+ community, and we will continue to boldly love our siblings **OUT LOUD** for many more years to come.”**

- R Ward, they/them, Minister for Gender & Sexuality Justice

United Church of Christ General Synod Resolutions

GS 22:

- In Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution
- Prevention of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth Suicide

GS 24:

- Reaffirming the United Church of Christ's Denouncement of Violence Against Lesbian and Gay People and Calling for the Inclusion of Transgender People within that Antiviolence Statement
- Affirming the Participation and Ministry of Transgender People within the United Church of Christ and Supporting their Civil and Human Rights



United Church of Christ General Synod Resolutions

GS 25:

- In Support of Equal Marriage Rights for All
- Another World is Possible: A Peace With Justice Movement in the United Church of Christ
- Our Common Calling: Providing the Resources for the Education of Future Ordained Ministers in the United Church of Christ (including Transgender Ministers)

GS 31:

- Affirming and Supporting the Authorized Ministries of Under-Represented Clergy in Local Congregations-A call for Greater Representation and Economic Justice (including transgender ministers)

GS 33:

- Commitment to Gender Safety and Equity in Ministry Settings

GS 34:

- Actively Affirming the Human Dignity of Transgender and Non-Binary Person

All resolutions ever presented regarding Transgender persons



Statements from the United Church of Christ

2002

UCC Leaders express sorrow over murder of transgender youth

2012

Ecumenical Leaders begin work for LGBT advocacy at Summit

"After spending several days together to discuss inclusion of LGBT people and foster ways to collaborate, religious leaders from five mainline Protestant denominations left the UCC national offices optimistic that the meeting will bear fruit as they find ways to work together to advocate for LGBT rights."

2013

UCC Collegium, Coalition for LGBT Concerns sign covenant to solidify mission

"The Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo is a self-described fan of covenantal agreements. The executive minister of the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries likes them because the agreements live on and outlast leadership, which was part of the reason the UCC's Collegium of Officers sought a covenantal agreement with the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns."

2021

Religious leaders stand up for transgender kids as state laws 'target' them

UCC participates in unified interfaith statement through Believe Out Loud

2022

UCC ministries: Texas transgender directive 'cruel, harmful, morally wrong'

"The United Church of Christ's national ministries and the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition issued the following statement March 1. It came in response to a Feb. 22 directive issued by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. The directive calls on citizens to report the parents of transgender minors to state authorities if it appears the minors are receiving gender-affirming medical care. Texas is not the only state attacking the rights of trans citizens. In addition to various anti-trans laws enacted in 2021, at least 13 states are now considering more. Their effects range from restricting medical care to prohibiting sports participation."



Statements from the United Church of Christ

2022

[UCC Ministries: Alabama anti-trans legislation 'outrageous'](#)

"The United Church of Christ's national ministries and the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition issued the following statement April 7. It comes in response to a criminal ban on health care for trans youth that the Alabama legislature just passed. Alabama is the latest but not the only state attacking the rights of trans citizens. In addition to various anti-trans laws enacted in 2021, at least 13 states are now considering more. Their effects range from restricting medical care to prohibiting sports participation."

[Transgender-Non-Binary Caucus forms](#)

2023

[UCC Leaders Commit to Love & Justice](#)

[Council for Conference Ministers Offer Confession & Lament on National Trans Day of Remembrance](#)

[Synod offered LGBTQIA+ love, support and care when most needed](#)

[Love is Louder: Love Your Neighbor OUT LOUD Begins](#)

(includes action, education, worship, support resources updated continuously).

2024

[Commentary: Trans Day of Visibility falls on Easter this year, and LGBTQ+ people need 'a resurrection moment'](#)

[Commentary: Honoring queer lives, remembering trans siblings lost](#)

[Our Faith Our Vote: Standing at Crossroads for Trans Rights & Justice](#)

[Response to Trans/Non-Binary Sibling Nex Benedict's Death](#)

[Cleveland Pride March & livestreamed Worship Wider Church \(Trans testimony\)](#)

[Atlanta Pride March](#)



Statements from the United Church of Christ

2025

[Statement on thriving together amidst increased rhetoric and legislative action toward Trans & Non-Binary siblings](#)

Presence & Advocacy:

- [World Pride](#)
- [50th Anniversary March on Washington](#)
- [Human Rights Conference during World Pride](#)

Ongoing statements/actions:

- **Clergy Retreats**
- **Facilitation of Gender & Sexuality + Our Faith Toolkit**
- **Love is Louder: Book of Love**
- **Love is Louder National Coming Out Day Videos**

Sign on Letters for Transgender Rights

Public Student Loan Forgiveness letter:

"ED would be authorized to deem ineligible countless employers, including state and local governments and non-profit organizations that engage in work that the Administration disagrees with, such as helping immigrants, providing healthcare to transgender youth and adults, advancing equity in schools and workplaces..."

National Women's Law Center letter:

"Furthermore, Congress must work to complete the appropriations process free of harmful riders targeting LGBTQI+ people, racial equity, immigrants, and access to reproductive health care....attempts to further restrict abortion access for military service members and veterans, bans on gender-affirming care, attempts to prohibit transgender and intersex women and girls to play school sports with their peers, attempts to prohibit implementation of regulatory protections for students who are survivors, LGBTQI+, and pregnant and parenting, and efforts to undermine the U.S. asylum system that harms immigrant survivors of gender based violence."

Endorsed Equality Act



Action Alerts

Each of the following alerts were sent to the UCC Justice & Peace Action Network, a grassroots advocacy network composed of 30,000+ individual members and local UCC congregations across the country.

[Call on Congress reinstate the LGBTQ+ youth suicide prevention hotline](#) **(September 2025)**

[Call on Congress to protect our trans service members and investigate the Administration's flagrant targeting of this community within the military](#) **(May 2025)**

[Call on Congress to 1\) reintroduce the Equality Act and 2\) to investigate and block all the attacks on trans, nonbinary, and intersex people that are currently underway across the federal government](#) **(February 2025)**

[Call on Congress to pass the Transgender Bill of Rights](#) **(October 2023)**

[Call on Congress to oppose the anti-trans bill "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023"](#) **(June 2023, March 2023)**

