



# LGBTQ+ Justice

Our Faith Our Vote: Issue Education Resource

## Where Does the UCC Stand on LGBTQ+ Justice?

At a time when LGBTQ+ communities, especially transgender and nonbinary people, face increasing political attacks on bodily autonomy, healthcare access, education, and public belonging, the church is called not merely to affirm identity in theory, but to actively protect the dignity and flourishing of all people.

The UCC believes that the fluidity of God's design is wondrous and vast. No matter who you are, your sexuality or gender, God makes no mistakes. Every person bears sacred worth and dignity, and no law or system should deny people the ability to live fully as themselves. You are beloved and wonderfully made. The UCC seeks transformative justice for our faith communities and congregations by just action and love for all.

The UCC stands with those facing systemic oppression at the intersection of gender & sexuality by offering care, sex positive education & curriculum, gender & bodily autonomy education & programming, policy & advocacy, and partnership and outreach opportunities.

## Prayer

*God of infinite, unconditional love, let every queer and trans child of yours know they are beautiful just as they are and are made in your holy image. Let them feel your pride and pride in themselves for who they are and who you made them to be. Open up the hearts of those who cause them harm to understand that we are all siblings, united in love. May all churches be a safe space for queer and trans children and may the love that is preached be for all of creation. In your sacred, holy name, we pray. Amen.*

## Want to learn more?

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## Questions for Candidates

- How will you, as a candidate, help empower our LGBTQ+ siblings?
- Many states have passed legislation restricting gender-affirming care for transgender youth, while others have enacted protections. What is your position on these laws, and how would you approach expanding access to affirming healthcare for transgender people of all ages?
- How should school curricula reflect LGBTQ+ history and contributions, and what policy mechanisms would you use to ensure inclusive education while navigating pushback from parents or legislators?
- There is ongoing legal tension between religious liberty claims and LGBTQ+ non-discrimination protections. Where do you draw the line, and how would you approach legislating in this contested space?

## Take Additional Action

- Connect to the [Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ](#), to better equip your local UCC congregations to fully embody Christ's extravagant affirmation.
- Call on Congress to pass [the Equality Act](#) and [Do No Harm Act](#).
- Sign up to join the [Justice & Peace Action Network](#) to stay informed on opportunities to advocate on LGBTQ+ justice issues.