



Sample Reconciling Statements

Trinity United Methodist Church is a congregation who welcomes and affirms all people inclusive of race, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, economic class, or educational class.

The Social Justice Ministry Team of University United Methodist Church on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge celebrates God's unconditional and infinite love for all people. We affirm that God created all of humankind in God's image; therefore all of creation is intrinsically good. We aspire to model the love, compassion, justice, and mercy of Jesus Christ throughout the United Methodist connection and the world. To this end, we warmly welcome into and celebrate within our community all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons – people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Be it known, too, that we wholeheartedly support and affirm the full inclusion of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons at the marriage altars and in all facets of lay and ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, Houston, TX. We proclaim that all people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person, regardless of age, economic status, faith history, ethnicity, gender, mental or physical ability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identification, is a beloved child of God and worthy of God's love and grace. We support the full participation of all persons in every phase of church life. Through education and informal discussion, we will strive to better understand those who are different from ourselves to bring about a more accepting society. We recognize ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation within The Texas Annual Conference and choose to officially associate ourselves with the Reconciling Ministries Network within the United Methodist Church. We see this network as a sign of hope and through this association offer our witness to other congregations within our denomination to foster the spirit of reconciliation and movement toward inclusiveness.

We at Country Club United Methodist Church welcome and affirm into the full life and ministry of our church people of every race, ethnicity, age, faith history, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, family configuration, physical and mental ability, educational and economic status. We celebrate the gifts that God sends through the diversity of God's people, and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

We, the Celebration Choir of Buda United Methodist Church, declare ourselves a reconciling ministry within our denomination and local community. We believe that just as there are varieties of notes and measures in the canon of music, there are multiple expressions of what it means to be human in God's creation. The Celebration Choir welcomes and affirms singers of all sexual orientations and gender identities. All people who wish to sing praises to God are welcome in our choir. We believe music can set the mood for worship and we believe the choir can model true Christian community for the church. Therefore, we offer our voices and our lives as expressions of God's love and hospitality to all people. And, just as it takes multiple styles of music to express our deep appreciation for God's love, we join the Reconciling Ministries Network to express our determination to become a glad and up-lifting melody for all who seek sanctuary in the church of Jesus Christ.

The Open Table is a group which was formed within North Charleston United Methodist Church, located in the Park Circle Community of North Charleston, SC, which is open to all. The Open Table is a community that embraces as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world. We celebrate our human family's diversity of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, faith history, political leanings, economic status, marital status, physical and mental abilities, education and any other difference, real or perceived. We affirm that all people are created in the image of God. As beloved children of God, we are all worthy of God's love. We believe that no one is incompatible with the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ. We welcome full inclusion to all people into the life of our church. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all and acknowledge the reconciliation which must take place, as many have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination in church and in society. We vow to be a table, a community, always truly open for all in hope that here love will create change.

New Generation Sunday School Class at Shandon UMC, Columbia, SC - We seek to follow the example of Jesus. We affirm the sacred worth of every person. We celebrate human difference in age, ability, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, marital and parental status, nationality, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic condition, and spiritual journey. We welcome all to join us in our efforts to achieve greater love, understanding, mutual respect, justice, and peace.