



***Statement of Support for LGBT Equality  
from Rochester Multi-faith Roundtable Co-sponsors***

We assemble today from churches, synagogues, mosques, and community organizations, all united through Pride in the Pulpit, New York's faith-based network which openly advocates for equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people and their families.

Through the generosity of the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, we gather together in the Samuel Colgate Memorial Chapel to pray for the work that we have ahead of us. The theme of the morning service is "Divinely Created, Divinely Called". Through the liturgy we hope to convey the message that God has created each one of us, we are each precious in God's sight, a part of one human family, and we are each called to reach out in love to one another and work to end injustice within this human family.

We are joined by over 60 leaders of faith from the greater Rochester area to discuss how we can strengthen faith-based advocacy within our community and around the state. Though we may come from different religious perspectives, we are united in our willingness to advocate for LGBT equality. We have witnessed the many ways that communities benefit from diverse and welcoming environments, and we know first-hand the discrimination that LGBT members of our community face each day.

As community leaders and ethical guides, we have a perspective that must be heard around issues that impact LGBT people. To deny equality and justice for all people is to engage in discrimination. Discrimination is immoral.

We invite members of our community to pray for an end to injustice within this human family, and we call upon you to join us in our fight for LGBT equality.

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CRCDS Women and Gender Studies Program  
CRCDS Office of Student Life  
CRCDS Rainbow Connections  
Community Christian Church  
Community Christian Fellowship of Rochester  
Dignity-Integrity Rochester  
Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation  
First Congregational UCC of Niagara Falls  
First Unitarian Church of Rochester  
First Universalist Church of Rochester  
Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley  
Interfaith Advocates  
Justice Ministry of Downtown United Presbyterian  
Lake Avenue Baptist Church  
MOCHA Project, Inc.  
NCBI of Rochester  
Open Arms Metropolitan Community Church  
PFLAG Oswego County  
Plymouth Spiritualist Church  
Rochester Religious Coalition for Equal Marriage  
Spiritus Christi Rainbow Bridge  
St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Episcopal Church  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Penn Yan  
Temple Sinai of Rochester  
Third Presbyterian Church More Light Committee  
Welcoming Presbyterians of Genesee Valley