

WHAT CAN I DO?

If you would like to support the work of IWR there are several things you can do:

- help your church become welcoming and affirming, ensure that it is listed on our website
- send us any ideas you have about good resources
- write up a story of what things you or your church has done to expand the Welcoming Church Movement
- send us your contact information so we can alert you to upcoming conferences and trainings
- donate to support the work of IWR

Please fill out and return to:
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- Please include me on the IWR Mailing List.
- Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:
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Thank you for your support. You are part of the ever-expanding movement towards God's Extravagant Welcome!



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...until the Church's welcome is matched by its justice.

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WHAT IS IWR?

The Institute for Welcoming Resources is a national, ecumenical collaboration of the Welcoming Church Movement, sponsored by:

Affirm United/S'affirmer ensemble

United Church of Canada

Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists

American Baptists USA, Alliance of Baptists and others

Integrity USA

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Open and Affirming Ministries of the Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples (GLAD) Alliance

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Open and Affirming Program of the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns

United Church of Christ

Reconciling in Christ Program of Lutherans Concerned/North America

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Reconciling Ministries Network

United Methodist Church

Room For All

Reformed Church in America

Supportive Congregation Network of the

Brethren Mennonite Council

Church of the Brethren, Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada

Welcoming Community Network

Community of Christ

PURPOSE

The purpose of IWR is to achieve the full acceptance and participation of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life of the Church through

- the development, production and distribution of **resources** to support the Welcoming Church Movement
- the development and execution of **conferences and trainings** designed to inspire, empower and equip members and leadership in the Welcoming Church Movement
- the expansion of networks and the creation of **coalitions** within and beyond the Welcoming Church Movement

PROGRAMS

RESOURCES

The Institute's website, **www.WelcomingResources.org** is an extraordinary resource within the Welcoming Church Movement. It features:

- **Find a Church** – a listing of all of the welcoming and affirming congregations in the United States
- **Resources** – an extensive bibliography on a wide variety of issues from coming out to theological and Biblical resources on sexuality and gender identity
- **Calendar** of events related to the Welcoming Church Movement

- **News Service** – current news about and for the Welcoming Church Movement
- **Templates** and suggestions for how your congregation can go through a process to become welcoming and affirming

CONFERENCES & TRAININGS

To increase the number of welcoming congregations, IWR and its partner organizations offer **Building an Inclusive Church** – ecumenical faith-based community organizing trainings – intense 2 to 3-day hands-on workshops intended to give you the skills and knowledge base to build local teams equipped to expand the numbers of welcoming congregations within your area. It prepares you for strategic action rooted in faith.

Graduates of our trainings are invited to the **Believe Out Loud Power Summit** October 9-11, 2010 in Orlando.

COALITIONS

IWR convenes the **Bishops & Elders Council**, a denominationally, racially and culturally diverse network of Christian LGBT-affirming churches and organizations touching the lives of 98 million people. And as a part of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, IWR convenes the multi-faith **National Religious Leadership Roundtable** – gathered to amplify the voices of pro-LGBT faith leaders to counter religiously-based bigotry