

Dear Anita and Members of the Community Unitarian Universalist Church,

Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that Community Unitarian Universalist Church - Plano's application to renew its Welcoming Congregation status has been APPROVED. Sincere congratulations on your ongoing commitment to serve the LGBTQ+ community in and beyond Plano, TX.

It was a pleasure to read what you have accomplished and the powerful work you have done since you were originally recognized as a Welcoming Congregation 27 years ago. Thank you for putting so much effort into summarizing and detailing your efforts. It is clear that CUUC becoming recognized as a Welcoming Congregation is a commitment rather than an end point.

It is so delightful to learn of the variety of work that you have done recently to reaffirm your commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation. I appreciate your exhaustive commitment to racial diversity, communal nutrition, and public education. Truly, these establish the foundation of Welcome for the LGBTQ community and are reinforced by your renewed commitment to insuring gender and sexuality minorities are privileged in your religious education and community outreach.

It is so inspiring to learn of your commitment to "whet the appetites and test the knowledge" of your members to ensure that your programming is appropriate to their needs. As such, you were able to glean from your local resources of experience and knowledge as you featured "Why Pride?," "Decriminalization of LGBTQ Issues," challenged the 'Bathroom Bill," and campaigned for representation on the local school board. These marquis efforts affirm your commitment to Welcome in and beyond the pews of CUUC. Well done!

Beginning in 2019, we are calling all congregations to annually practice The Five Pillars of Welcome Renewal. As you continue to make CUUC an even more Welcoming one, please consider participating in our new annual renewal program. For more information, please visit The Five Pillars of Welcome Renewal, subscribe to the quarterly UPLIFT newsletter, and read the UPLIFT blog. Also, please follow UPLIFT Twitter and Instagram @uua_lgbtq.

You can expect to receive two newly designed Welcoming Congregation posters in the mail. In the meantime, you have approval to use the attached new Welcoming Congregation logo on your website and other materials.

Thanks again for your congregation's life-giving, essential work!

With appreciation,

Michael

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