

Affirming Houses of Worship

Places of worship across the South Coast that have said, in their own words or through their own denomination, that LGBTQ+ people are welcome to belong fully. Every one below was verified against a public source we can show you.

HOW TO READ THIS LIST

Nobody is on this list by our opinion. A congregation appears only when there is a citable public source: a formal denominational designation, or a welcome the congregation states itself. The basis for each one is printed with it, so you can weigh it yourself.

This list is an invitation, not a verdict. If a congregation is missing, that means we have not verified it yet. It does not mean it is unwelcoming. We are still looking, and we would be glad to hear from any congregation that belongs here.

A designation is a starting point, not a promise about any single day. If it matters to you, call ahead and ask. Every congregation below has said publicly that it expects that question.

Towns represented: Bridgewater · Fairhaven · Fall River · Lakeville · Mansfield · Mattapoisett · New Bedford · North Easton · Seekonk · South Dartmouth · Taunton · Tiverton · Westport

United Church of Christ

OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) · 8 CONGREGATIONS

A UCC congregation becomes Open and Affirming by a vote of its own members, adopting a public covenant to welcome people of every sexual orientation and gender identity into full participation. It is a formal, recorded designation, not a slogan.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

New Bedford, MA

635 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

pilgrimuccnb.org

Listed as an Open and Affirming congregation in the Southern New England Conference UCC registry.

Congregational Church of South Dartmouth (UCC)

South Dartmouth, MA

congochurchsd.org

Their own site names them an open and affirming congregation welcoming persons of every sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church (UCC)

Mattapoisett, MA

27 Church Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

mattapoisettcongregationalchurch.org

Declared Open and Affirming by unanimous congregational vote in 2024, stated on their own Open and Affirming page.

Lakeville United Church of Christ

Lakeville, MA

lakevilleucc.net

Their own site declares them Open and Affirming, welcoming all irrespective of gender identity and expression and sexual orientation.

Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC

Seekonk, MA

(508) 336-9355

scc-ucc.com

Their own site names them an open and affirming congregation that will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

Bridgewater, MA

71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324

cscucc.org

Their own site names them an open and affirming church welcoming every sexual orientation and gender identity.

The Congregational Church of Mansfield (Orthodox), UCC

Mansfield, MA

occmansfield.org

Became an Open and Affirming church in 2012, welcoming the LGBTQ community, stated on their own About page.

Amicable Congregational Church (UCC)

Tiverton, RI

amicablechurch.org

Open and Affirming covenant adopted; listed with ONA status in the national UCC church directory.

Unitarian Universalist

WELCOMING CONGREGATION · 5 CONGREGATIONS

Welcoming Congregation is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association. A congregation earns the designation by completing a course of study and a vote, and it is recorded in the UUA's own directory.

The First Unitarian Church in New Bedford

New Bedford, MA

71 Eighth Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

uunewbedford.org

Designated an LGBTQ+ Welcoming Congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association directory.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven

Fairhaven, MA

uufairhaven.org

Their own Who We Are page names them a Welcoming Congregation, citing a commitment to offering an abiding welcome to LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

The Unitarian Society in Fall River

Fall River, MA

unitarianchurchfr.org

Designated an LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association directory.

First Parish Church

Taunton, MA

Recognized as a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation in 2019.

Unity Church of North Easton (Unitarian Universalist)

North Easton, MA

13 Main Street, North Easton, MA 02356

unitychurchofnortheaston.org

Listed as an LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association directory.

Religious Society of Friends

QUAKER MEETING · 1 CONGREGATION

Friends meetings record their commitments in minutes agreed by the meeting. The welcome below is stated by the meeting itself.

Westport Friends Meeting

Westport, MA

938 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790

westportfriendsmeeting.org

Their own site names them an open and affirming spiritual community welcoming LGBTQ persons.

Jewish

CONGREGATION · 1 CONGREGATION

The welcome below is stated by the congregation on its own site.

Congregation Agudath Achim

Taunton, MA

agudathachim.org

Their own site describes an egalitarian and inclusive spirit, warmly welcoming individuals of all backgrounds, including LGBTQ+ individuals.

Episcopal

PARISH · 1 CONGREGATION

The welcome below is stated by the parish on its own site.

Church of the Holy Spirit

Fall River, MA

160 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720

holyspiritchurchfr.org

Their own site states that all are welcome to participate fully in the life and worship of the parish, including communion, marriage and events, naming LGBTQ people explicitly. The parish has also partnered on Fall River Pride.

Know a congregation that belongs here?

Tell us and we will look into it. If your congregation is listed and you would rather not be, write to us and we will take it down, no questions asked. This list only works if it belongs to the community it is for.



South Coast LGBTQ+ Network

558 Pleasant Street, Suite 306, New Bedford, MA 02740

sclgbtqnetwork.org

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sclgbtqnetwork.org/welcoming-wall