

Did You Know...?

UUs have long championed and affirmed LGBTQ inclusion in religion and society.

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Unitarian Universalists have long been *Standing on the Side of Love*, making our liberal faith early supporters of the LGBTQ community.

The Stonewall Riots, a turning point and watershed for the modern LGBTQ equality movement, began on June 28, 1969, giving voice to the frustrations over the persecution, silencing, criminalization, and denial LGBTQ were facing. By the next year, June 28, 1970, a couple US cities began holding Gay Pride marches.

It was that same year, 1970, that the UUA General Assembly first passed a resolution to work to end discrimination against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. By 1984, UUs affirmed the practice of performing marriage ceremonies for LGBTQ individuals, 30 years ahead of the US Supreme Court decision that legalized marriage equality across the country.

First U is one of many Welcoming Congregations, a recognition received by those UU churches that promote radical inclusion, strive to rid ourselves of homophobia and transphobia, and engage in anti-discrimination work.

