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The Welcoming Congregation Bulletin is produced by LGBTQ Ministries, part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Multicultural Ministries office. Each monthly issue offers a **tool** to use, an **action** to take, a **story** for inspiration, and **news** to share.

A tool to increase your welcome

Transgender Identity & Inclusion Webinar



How familiar are you with the variety of gender identity and expression in the world? Learn more about the "T" in LGBTQ—sign up for a webinar led by Alex Kapitan of the UUA's LGBTQ Ministries. Open to all, the webinar will cover terminology, experiences of trans people, and concrete ways to increase our welcome and inclusion.

Wednesday, October 17, 7:00-8:15pm Eastern

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/transidentitywebinar>

Additional date: Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7:00-8:15pm Pacific (see link)

An action to live it loud and proud

Help U.S. Voters Stand on the Side of Love

This election season, speak out and share your Unitarian Universalist values!

1. Submit a 4 minute video to the **Voting on the Side of Love** contest. Deadline extended to October 8! uua.org/love/229881.shtml

2. Join in your community's voter registration drives, phone banks, and other ways of taking action to ensure your UU values are heard and upheld this election season.

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A story to inspire your work

Queer and Undocumented Undocubus Riders Welcomed by UU Congregations

This August, Unitarian Universalist congregations offered housing, meals, moral support, and love to a busload of about 30 undocumented immigrants.

About half of the riders were lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer.

The “No Papers No Fear Ride for Justice” started July 29 in Phoenix and arrived September 2 in Charlotte. The aim was to “confront power with the stories, voices, and actions of those directly affected by immigration policies.”

Angel, a self-described Undocu-queer, appreciated how welcoming the UU congregations along the way were to queer people. Read the whole story:

standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/coming-out-for-freedom



News to share



Annette Marquis Joins LGBTQ Ministries

The UUA welcomes Annette Marquis as the new LGBTQ and Multicultural Ministries Program Manager!

Annette will be working alongside Janice Marie Johnson, Alex Kapitan, and Tracy Ahlquist in the Multicultural Ministries staff team, which includes LGBTQ Ministries.

Annette will be furthering Unitarian Universalism's engagement in racial justice and LGBTQ advocacy and witness. She will be supporting the work we do to help congregations, districts, and regions nurture welcome, inclusion, and effective ministry in our multicultural world. **Find out more:** uua.org/mgw

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