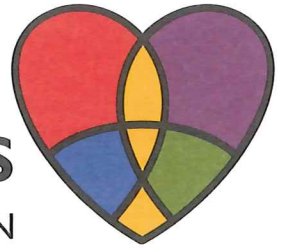


# ReconcilingWorks

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Congratulations on adopting an Affirmation of Welcome statement for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. ReconcilingWorks is proud to have your community as a partner in this Holy ministry where all people are welcomed, included and celebrated.

ReconcilingWorks prays the journey of adopting this affirmation of welcome strengthened and enriched the faith lives within your community. ReconcilingWorks will add your community to the roster of Reconciling in Christ (RIC) settings. With your community's addition, the RIC roster now exceeds 650 communities! Look for your community on the map here: [www.ReconcilingWorks.org/RIC](http://www.ReconcilingWorks.org/RIC).

**In the coming days, your community will receive a welcome folder (via USPS) containing a certificate to mark this milestone in your congregation's history.** ReconcilingWorks encourages you to frame this and hang it in a public space so visitors can see it and so it can serve as a continual reminder of your commitment to welcome, inclusion and celebration.

In this digital folder you will find e-versions of the resources being sent in the welcome folder. ReconcilingWorks strives to ensure RIC communities have what they need to continue their journey of welcome and I encourage you to bookmark this site or download and keep these resources handy.

To keep your community well informed, ReconcilingWorks will also be sending you the monthly RIC eNews and the eConcord journal and eConcord Newsletter (our quarterly publications). It is encouraged that your community use these stories to supplement communications to members and supporters of your ministry!

Your partnership with our ministries are important in many ways and **we pray for your support financially as we continue to journey alongside hundreds of other Lutheran communities as they work toward the RIC milestone.** As an independent Lutheran non-profit, ReconcilingWorks depends on the support of individual donors and the benevolence of our RIC settings to effectively reach out to these communities with support and resources.

If you have questions or concerns at any point in the future please contact us. Please also convey our thanks to your whole community for your leadership in this ministry of hospitality and reconciliation.

Yours in Christ,

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