

Expanded Resolution on Being an Open and Affirming Congregation
passed unanimously in a congregational meeting January 9, 2011

We, as members of Community United Church of Christ, affirm our belief that all people are created in God's image and are thus blessed and loved equally by God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We invite and welcome into this Body of Christ all persons who seek to follow Jesus. Persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression are welcome to worship and enter into the full life and ministry of this church. We strive for justice and equality for all of God's children in our journey of faith.

We covenant not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and we seek to include and support those who find themselves in exile from a spiritual community.

We seek to address the needs and advocate the concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in our church and in society by actively encouraging other churches, instrumentalities and secular governmental bodies to adopt and implement policies of non-discrimination.

We join together as a covenantal community, to celebrate and share our common communion and the reassurance that we are indeed created by God, reconciled by Christ, and empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

We will continue to strive to be an Open and Affirming congregation.