



Open and Affirming

Open and Affirming (ONA) is the UCC's designation for congregations which make "a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions."

By adopting an ONA covenant, a congregation is demonstrating their commitment to acknowledge we are all God's children and should be treated with equal respect and dignity.

There was overwhelming support from participants in our Jeremiah Project to become an ONA church, and an ad hoc committee was formed to guide the process. Committee members feel that in addition to the LGBTQ+ community, we should include race, ethnicity, financial status, and both mental and physical disabilities in our covenant.

The committee is planning educational events and other opportunities for you to learn more about the ONA process and how you can help make our church welcoming and inclusive for all. Watch for announcements on upcoming events.

If you are interested in participating in the ONA process please contact Kathy Filkins at kathyfbooks@gmail.com.

*"Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."
(Romans 15:7)*