

September 27, 2019

Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
1561 Jones Point Rd  
Grayslake, IL 60030

Dear Pamela, Chuck, and Members of the Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation,

Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you the Prairie Circle Unitarian Universalist Congregation's application to become recognized as a Welcoming Congregation has been APPROVED! Sincere congratulations on taking this powerful step, doing the collective work to educate one another on LGBTQ+ issues, and committing together to ongoing ministry to the queer community in and beyond the Grayslake, IL.

It is so delightful to learn of the breadth of work you have done to commit to becoming a Welcoming Congregation as outlined in our Welcoming Congregations Guidelines and Action Steps. You have been faithful in appropriating the framework and applying them to PCUUC's education, congregational life, and community outreach.

I most appreciate your incorporation of transgender and non-binary inclusion into your congregational life and religious education. Hosting the Transgender 101 class and working with your women's and men's fellowship groups to develop more gender-inclusive language that affirm that all genders are welcome are beautiful expressions of Welcome in a culture resistance to trans inclusion. Furthermore, your fifth Sunday contribution to Trans Religious Professional UU's Together (TRUU'sT) will insure that trans and non-binary ministers are supported in their callings and sacred contribution to Unitarian Universalism.

As you move forward as a Welcoming Congregation, I encourage you to commit to renewing your welcome annually via the new ***The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal***. For more information please visit: [www.uua.org/lgbtq](http://www.uua.org/lgbtq), subscribe to the quarterly ***UPLIFT newsletter***, and read the ***UPLIFT blog***. We also invite you to join the new Welcoming Congregations of Unitarian Universalism Facebook Group and follow UPLIFT Twitter and Instagram via @uua\_lgbtq.

You can expect to receive two newly designed Welcoming Congregation posters in the mail. In the meantime, you have approval to use the new Welcoming Congregation logo on your website and other materials.

Thanks again for your congregation's life-giving, essential work!

With appreciation,

  
Michael J. Crumpler  
LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director

