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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** to inspire, and **news** to share.

A tool to increase your welcome



Inclusive Language Guidance

Language can be a tool for welcome or it can be unconsciously, unintentionally unwelcoming. One Welcoming Congregation action step is to have inclusive language guidelines for worship and elsewhere. Does your congregation?

Explore inclusive language guidance and talking points here:

uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/ways/200008.shtml

An action to live it loud and proud

Lobby for Compassionate and Inclusive Immigration Law

This spring brings a huge opportunity to pass compassionate, comprehensive immigration reform in the USA, inclusive of the *Uniting American Families*



Act (UAFA) to help bi-national same-sex couples. Congress may vote this month, so your voice is needed now!

Lobby for compassion immigration reform:

www.standingonthesideoflove.org/cir

Read a story about the importance of UAFA:

bit.ly/standingonthesideoflove day-18

A story to inspire your ministry

Thinking Outside the Gender Binary

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Thirty Days of Love is over, but stories from putting love in action still linger! Like the one from Chris Paige, Executive Director of TransFaith, about having one's gender "policed" in church. Chris challenged readers to explore the gender binary for one day with the question: What would it be

question: What would it be like to try avoiding gendered pronouns like he or she for 24 hours? Read more:

bit.ly/standingonthesideoflove_day-17

Plus: Congratulations to our 6 newest recognized Welcoming Congregations!

UUs of Central Delaware, Camden, DE

Second Parish in Hingham, MA

UU Church of St. Petersburg, FL

Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, Rockledge, FL

UU Church of Yakima, WA

New Hope UU Congregation, New Hudson, MI

News to share

UU-UNO Spring Seminar is on Global LGBTQ Justice



From **April 4-6, 2013,** 175 youth, young adults, and adults will gather in New York City to learn about and dialogue around LGBTQ justice issues. The event is hosted by the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (<u>uua.org/un</u>).

Registration closes March 15! Find out more:

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