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Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation in White Plains
468 Rosedale Ave
White Plains, NY 10605

Dear Anthony and Members of Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation at White Plains,

Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that Community UUC of White Plains' application to renew its Welcoming Congregation status has been APPROVED. Sincere congratulations on your ongoing commitment to serve the LGBTQ+ community in and beyond White Plains, NY.

It was a pleasure to read what you have accomplished and the powerful work you have done since you were originally recognized as a Welcoming Congregation 13 years ago. Thank you for putting so much effort into summarizing and detailing your efforts. It is clear that Community UUC understands that becoming recognized as a Welcoming Congregation is a commitment rather than an end point.

It is so delightful to learn of the variety of work that you have done recently to reaffirm your commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation. This is evidenced by your LGBTQIA Assessment Teams approach to insuring that all voices and experiences within our community are privileged. It's so beautiful to hear that you have been observing Transgender Day of Remembrance since 2010. That you have fully incorporated comprehensive gender identity and expression alongside sexual orientation into your Sunday programming attests to your readiness to be celebrated as a Welcoming Congregation.

I am most appreciative of your recent YouTube video in recognition of Transgender Day of Visibility. Such public witness and intentionality exemplifies the potential for all congregations throughout Unitarian Universalism to live out Welcome and Beloved Community.

As you continue to make Community UUC an even more Welcoming one, I hope you will see the UUA as a resource for you—please reach out should any questions arise, or if we can be of service and support. I encourage you to visit our website often, as we are continually adding new resources that will help you on your journey toward inclusive community. Please subscribe to the quarterly [UPLIFT newsletter](#) at www.uua.org/lgbtq, visit the [UPLIFT blog](#), and follow UPLIFT Twitter and Instagram @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 Manager

