

WAYS TO ENGAGE

Faith for Pride



1 Dedicate a service to LGBTQ+ rights.

Too often, Christian nationalist ideology is used as a cover for anti-LGBTQ+ bigotry, extremism, and discrimination. Ask leaders in your faith community to dedicate a service to demonstrating that people of faith, including your group or congregation, vehemently oppose bills and rhetoric that threaten our LGBTQ+ friends, family, and neighbors. If you yourself are a faith leader, use your platform to spread a message of love, equality, and justice.

2 Invite an LGBTQ+ advocate to speak at your house of worship.

In combating anti-LGBTQ+ extremism, we must center the voices and lived experiences of people affected by hateful rhetoric and discriminatory legislation. Use your place of worship to create space for these stories to be told and share diverse perspectives with your community.

3 Participate in local LGBTQ+-led Pride events, when appropriate.

When appropriate, attend and support LGBTQ+-led Pride events, such as parades, drag shows, or other community events. Supporting existing efforts keeps LGBTQ+ voices at the center of advocacy efforts, and helps strengthen relationships between interfaith and LGBTQ+ partners.

4 Host a virtual or in-person movie screening or book club.

Take the month of June to watch a movie or read a book written by members of the LGBTQ+ community. Centering LGBTQ+ creators is important, as they are best positioned to share the diverse stories, experiences, and identities of LGBTQ+ people.

5 Educate yourself on LGBTQ+ history.

The lives and accomplishments of LGBTQ+ people are often excluded from accounts of our nation's history. Take some time this Pride month to learn about the extraordinary contributions of LGBTQ+ Americans and the tremendous efforts to further LGBTQ+ rights in this country.



6 Ask your representatives to oppose anti-LGBTQ+ bills.

Under the guise of religious freedom, Christian nationalists and their elected allies are pushing legislation targeting educators, LGBTQ+ individuals, and families. Whether at the state or federal level, ask your legislators to oppose bills that would use religion as a tool to discriminate against and cause harm to LGBTQ+ people.

7 Learn about anti-LGBTQ+ extremism and how to fight it.

Christian nationalist ideology is used as a cover for anti-LGBTQ+ bigotry, extremism, and discrimination. Take some time this Pride month to learn about where and how anti-LGBTQ+ extremism is showing up in your state and community and what LGBTQ+-led organizations, including faith-inspired LGBTQ organizations, are doing to push back. Support those who are at the forefront of spreading a message of love and inclusion.

8 Follow LGBTQ+ writers and advocates on social media.

It has never been more critical to share the diverse stories and experiences of LGBTQ+ people. In a time when hate and misinformation run rampant online, it's essential that we lift up underrepresented voices as part of our advocacy efforts.

9 Form a working group to continue the conversation.

Religion has been weaponized throughout our history by the privileged and powerful as a license to harm marginalized groups. But faith has also moved people to speak out against oppression and fight for the rights of all people. Carry on that legacy beyond Pride month by forming a working group within your community or congregation. Advocacy is not a month-long effort, but a movement that builds power when we work together.

10 Donate to LGBTQ+-led grassroots organizations.

Across the country, community-based organizations are supporting, connecting, and showing up for LGBTQ+ people locally. At a time when threats to the safety and well-being of LGBTQ+ people—particularly trans youth—are happening at the state and local level, it is essential that we support organizations that are doing this work on the ground.