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LGBTQ History in Religion

- ◆ In 1969 The United Church of Christ Council for Christian Social Action adopted the “Resolution on Homosexuals and the Law” denouncing discrimination based in “affectional or sexual preference.”
- ◆ In 1972 Rev. William R. Johnson became the first openly gay minister to be ordained in the United Church of Christ.
- ◆ At the General Assembly in 2013, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) voted to affirm and welcome LGBTQ people in all aspects of church life, including leadership.
- ◆ There are over 40 places of faith in Missouri that are accepting of the LGBTQ community. Go to pomoonline.org - Community Services - Welcoming Places of Faith. These include: Cape Girardeau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Central Reform Congregation of St. Louis, Christ Church of Maplewood, and Compton Heights Christian Church, and Gethsemane Lutheran Church.
- ◆ The Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis, MO is dedicated to the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ community.
- ◆ Acceptance of LGBTQ relationships in Christian Churches - Episcopalians and the United Church of Christ have the highest acceptance percentages at 83% and 82%. The Evangelical Lutheran Church averages an acceptance rate of 73%.
- ◆ In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) voted to open the ministry of the church to gay and lesbian pastors and other professional workers living in committed relationships.

<http://www.mccgs.org/>

<https://www.ucc.org/bill-johnson-reflects-on-his/>

<https://metrosources.com/why-more-christians-now-support-lgbtq-relationships>

https://www.ucc.org/news_ucc_advocates_laude_supreme_court_decision_protecting_gay_transgender_workers_from_job_discrimination_06152020/



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