



# Affirm/S'affirmer

## UNITED/ENSEMBLE

### Who We Are

Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble is a justice-oriented organization of people in The United Church of Canada. Membership is open to those who support our work, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

### Affirming Ministries Program

Each United Church organization that is an Affirming Ministry declares itself to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities — and they back up their words with action. Our Affirming Ministries Program encourages United Church bodies (congregations, presbyteries, conferences, educational centres) to study what it means to be publicly welcoming and inclusive. The program provides support for sexual orientation and gender identity issues. It also encourages the study of other United Church resources that promote the inclusion of other marginalized groups. Please go to the menus above to find out more about this program, to locate an Affirming Ministry near you, or find out about upcoming celebrations of newly declared Affirming Ministries. Our site includes a link to Affirming Ministry websites, where you'll see their public declarations and their ongoing education programs and other activities.

### What We Do

**Education** - to promote greater awareness of sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

**Action** - to work to end discrimination against people in church, society and our own organization.

**Support** - to help people of all sexual orientations and gender identities find support and community within the United Church.

### How We Work

**Affirming Ministries Program** - We established and continue to operate this church-wide network

Website, [www.affirmunited.ca](http://www.affirmunited.ca)

Newsletter, *Consensus*

Three-day **conference** featuring speakers, workshops, entertainment, and worship, in a different Canadian location each summer, in conjunction with our annual general meeting.

**Advocacy and information.** We write letters, submit briefs and proposals, and meet with church and government decision-making bodies. Our displays, information tables, workshops, and educational resources support this work.

### Join Us

We welcome your time, talents, gifts, and graces to support the ongoing efforts of Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble. We seek to build a fully diverse organization — people of all ages, races, abilities, economic status, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds. We work in both French and English.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble please come visit our website at [www.affirmunited.ca](http://www.affirmunited.ca). There you will be able to find further information such as upcoming events, copies of our periodical *Consensus*, how to donate and support our ministry, who is on the AU/AE Leadership Team and other related links and resources. You can also email us at [affirmunited@affirmunited.ca](mailto:affirmunited@affirmunited.ca).