

WELCOMING CONGREGATION RESOLUTION
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville NC
For consideration at the Annual Meeting, May 18, 2008

Whereas our Unitarian Universalist principles call us to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to call for justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and

Whereas our Congregation's Mission Statement states:

*We, the UU Congregation of Greenville, United in our diversity,
We covenant with one another to search, to serve, to grow and to
love.
We seek out those who have been turned away,
We embrace those whose spiritual path has been isolated,
We strengthen ourselves to comfort the suffering,
We share with our children our commitment to a more just and
compassionate society.*

and

Whereas the UUCG Board of Trustees, recognizing the importance of becoming a Welcoming Congregation as established by the Unitarian Universalist Association, adopted this initiative as a priority for the 2007-2008 church year, and

Whereas congregation members have participated in workshops and other conversations during this past year to explore and educate each other about issues relative, but not limited, to the lives of bisexual, gay, lesbian and/or transgender people, and

Whereas congregation members recognize that a resolution to become a Welcoming Congregation is a foundation from which we continue to welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and/or transgender people and, at the same time, continue to engage in widening our welcome to all other people as well,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greenville NC declare its intent:

- to become a Welcoming Congregation and actively welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and/or transgender persons as full and valued participants in the life of the church, and
- to seek recognition as an officially designated Welcoming Congregation from the Unitarian Universalist Association.