

ONA Statement

First Congregational UCC

In 1994 First Congregational UCC, Indianapolis, identified itself as an Open and Affirming congregation. This began our commitment to end ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice and discrimination against all people. We are called to follow the life and teachings of Jesus, who denied no one and welcomed all. We do this by creating a safe place which is free from exploitation and abuse, and that is inclusive for all people to worship God.

We acknowledge that despite our best intentions, we are likely to make mistakes; but we commit in advance to listen, confess, reconcile, restore and recommit in love on this journey.

Therefore, we enter into this mutual covenant with each other and God to offer an extravagant welcome on behalf of our body of believers to all who would follow Jesus – regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, age, education, economic class, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or psychological differences – as equals in the life and ministry of our faith community.

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