



We are Affirming

Applewood United became an Affirming Congregation in April of 2014.

A United Church that becomes an Affirming Ministry is one that specifically declares itself to be fully inclusive of all people, regardless of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation or economic status.



It means more than being welcoming.

It means we promote awareness and understanding, and work to end discrimination, alienation and ignorance.

It means we are explicit about issues of sexuality and gender, and that we fully support, include and offer community to people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

It also requires us to demonstrate a broader commitment to justice and address issues such as working to end racism, promoting economic justice, increasing accessibility and caring for the planet.

As a community that takes its inspiration from the life of Jesus, we look forward to welcoming the talents, growth, friendship, leadership, and vitality that comes from deliberately enriching our congregation with diversity.

Future plans of the new Affirming Committee include working with other church folk on issues including accessibility, the environment, mental health and other justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing and learning so keep an eye on our calendar!

