

Welcome



The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington is a thriving, involved and

diverse congregation integrated with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities. The Society includes people of every age, economic status, education, enablement, gender, gender identity, marital status, race, religious belief, and sexual orientation who join in a caring community to explore life's mysteries and spiritual dimensions.

Unitarian Universalism is a faith tradition that dictates no creed, but rather includes Buddhists, Jews, Pagans, Christians, atheists and many others. A central principle to Unitarian Universalists is the search for truth, whatever that means to each individual.



In June, 1999, the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington voted unanimously to be

a Welcoming Congregation. "The Welcoming Congregation program was created by the Unitarian Universalist Association for the purpose of encouraging congregations to be inclusive and expressive of the concerns of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (g/l/b/t/q) persons at every level of congregational life in worship and program, welcoming not only their presence but the unique gifts and particularities of their lives."

We are very proud that the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington voted unanimously to be a Welcoming Congregation, and we plan to focus our efforts on being a supportive, educational and social resource for the Society, the Vermont community and beyond.

Events

In 2001 and 2002 we will hold workshops, show relevant films and documentaries, sponsor g/l/b/t/q events such as the Vermont International Film Festival, and support the community and other Society events and groups. We seek to be a resource for the community at large for g/l/b/t/q people and our



allies. Events are listed in *Out in the Mountains* (both on their web page and in the monthly newspaper) as well as in the Society's newsletters and Orders of Service.

Each second Sunday of the month (from September to June) we have an Interweave Potluck at 12:30 pm at the Meetinghouse. Interweave is a Unitarian Universalist organization dedicated to the spiritual, political, and social well being of people of all sexual identities and genders. It is also a fun, relaxed group open to all.