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We're setting records!
From May-June 2017, we're welcoming **fifteen new Affirming ministries**.
On June 4, there will be five Affirming celebrations,
from the Atlantic to the Pacific.



From May-June 2017, we're welcoming **15 new Affirming ministries in addition to**

will join the Affirming family. This is a gift of grace and radical hospitality. Please join us in offering thanks; we invite you to [send messages of congratulations and blessings](#).

Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble thanks all of these communities, and all communities and individuals who are part of our movement, whether you joined yesterday or thirty years ago. For your offering of sacred safer space, and your belief in God's radical, prophetic, Gospel love for all, we thank you. We look forward to the ministry and welcome we will continue to offer together. *(Above, left: Ashbourne, (Garneau United Independent and Assisted Living) in Edmonton becomes the first such Affirming ministry in Canada May 24. (Photo: Admire Studios). Right: Rev Jim Tenford gets assistance from the children at St Andrew's United Moose Jaw's Affirming celebration March 26.)*

And for any reading this or hearing this who wonder whether the Affirming process is for you: **talk with us!** Our [annual conference in Vancouver](#) is one space to do that, or you can always contact us our [Affirming ministry coordinators](#). Subscribe to our [free national e-newsletter](#) if you want to know more about us, join our [Facebook group](#), and check out our exciting new collaboration with the United Church of Canada, [Iridesce](#).

Thank you to our supporters, [members](#), [donors](#), the [Mission and Service Fund](#) of the United Church, and [Gifts with Vision](#). All of you help us bring the Affirming message to ministries of every kind. Together, we affirm God's radical gift of love for all, with no exceptions.

The communities who have become Affirming since the beginning of 2017, or are about to:

Trinity United Church Community Centre, London ON
Agassiz Presbytery, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Conference
First United Church, Wetaskiwin, AB
St. Andrew's United Church, Moose Jaw SK
Forest Hill United Church, Fredericton NB
Roxboro United Church, Roxboro, QC
St Andrew's United Church, Westwood ON
Ashbourne Assisted and Independent Living, Edmonton AB (a first!)
Toronto Conference, ON
Emmanuel United Church, Ottawa ON
Grace United Church, Dartmouth, NS
Knox United Church, Kenora ON
Castlegar United Church, Castlegar, BC
Oak Bay United Church, Victoria

Rosedale United Church, Toronto
Living Waters Presbytery (Toronto Conference)
Two Rivers Pastoral Charge, Westfield, NB
Calgary Presbytery, AB

And there are many more to come in 2017!

Affirming Celebration!

Oak Bay United Church is proud to work for the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the church and society. Join us in the month of June as we celebrate our certification as an Affirming Church!

Calendar of Affirming Events

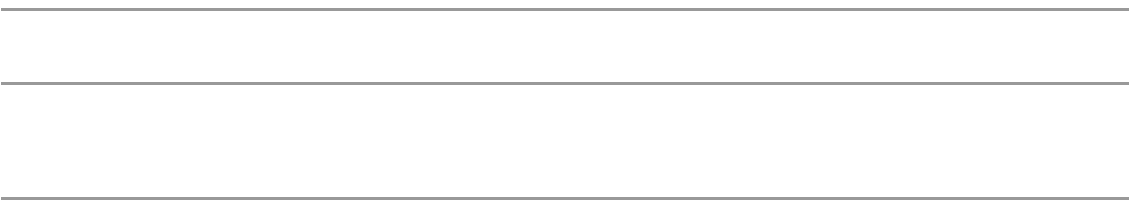
- Friday June 2nd**
5pm Men's Match Community Meal (various locations)
7pm Men's Match Dinner in the Community Hall
- Sunday June 4th**
10am Worship & Song Affirming Church Celebration & Community BBQ
- Tuesday June 6th**
7:15pm Pub Theology LGBTQ and the BIBLE: what does the bible really say!
- Sunday June 11th**
10am All Ages Worship & Song Trinity Sunday
5pm Diversity Dinner in support of Stagspoint School student Awards Night (tickets at the church office)

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Welcome to Oak Bay United Church, Victoria! Thank you for all your out and proud work in the course of your journey to June 4.



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