

# Welcome Support Empower

## Mission Statement:

Harmony is a group which, in Christian love, welcomes, supports, and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) persons, their families & friends as well as promoting Reconciling in Christ\* congregations.

Harmony's goals are to provide an environment where participants:

- Share their stories and concerns in a safe, accepting environment
- Receive emotional and spiritual support when coming out to themselves and others
- Are valued and celebrated regardless of real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity
- Know that confidentiality is honored
- Share helpful information and resources (printed, visual, and audio)
- Support Trinity - Lynnwood and Pointe of Grace by implementing and honoring Reconciling in Christ ideals

\*RIC originated as a program of Lutherans Concerned/North America to welcome LGBTI's to full participation in Evangelical Lutheran Congregations.

## Group activities may include

- Social events, shared meals
- Media discussions
- Educational forums and guest speakers
- Retreats
- Commemorations and sacred/secular celebrations (*baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, memorial services, birthdays, etc.*)

## Outreach activities may include

- Providing educational events such as forums, speakers, or displays for church or community groups
- Participating in advocacy events for equal rights
- Being family by including LGBTI's in holiday celebrations or other events (*Welcoming Sunday, Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, Pride March, National Coming Out Day, Transgender Remembrance Day, World AIDS Day, etc.*)
- Networking and volunteering with other denominations and organizations that benefit LGBTI communities and those affected by HIV/AIDS (*Open Door Ministries, Links & Alliances, etc.*)



## Inclusive ministry encompasses:

- The creative use of art/visual media, words, sound and movement that frees individuals to express their relationship with God
- The exploration of scripture and prayer to reveal an inclusive Christ

**Meetings** will be held in homes or other companionable settings. Meeting time and place may change from time to time to accommodate participants. For current meeting and activities schedule, please contact one of our members listed on the back.

**Harmony supports same-sex marriage and strongly opposes bullying and the sexual exploitation of any individual or group including "reparative therapy," a now discredited program that claimed to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.**

**Trinity – Lynnwood**  
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Lynnwood, WA 98036  
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**Pointe of Grace**  
5425 Harbour Pointe Blvd  
Mukilteo, WA 98275



**Other organizations that may provide helpful resources:**

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**Open Door Ministries**

An extended ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA for LGBTI persons and those affected by HIV/AIDS  
[www.opendoor@elca.org](mailto:www.opendoor@elca.org)

**Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation**

[www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)  
Linked with Lutherans Concerned/North America: [www.lcna.org](http://www.lcna.org)

**Human Rights Campaign**

[www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)

**For more information, contact one of the following members:**

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**Harmony's vision ~  
acceptance, equality, & full  
participation in all aspects  
of life for people of diverse  
sexual orientations &  
gender identities**

**For updated information on Harmony's activities and the congregational calendar, check the Trinity Lutheran Church website at:  
[www.trinitylutheranchurch.com](http://www.trinitylutheranchurch.com)  
or contact one of the Harmony members.**

*On behalf of all LGBTI persons, their families, friends, and acquaintances, Harmony thanks Trinity for its 2005 decision to welcome ALL people into the life of this congregation.*