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# **Local Places of Worship**



### **Black Mountain Church of Christ**

In recognizing the diversity of human nature as a part of God's universal wisdom, and in affirmation that all families and relationships are based on love, respect, responsibility and trust, Black Mountain Church of Christ is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or identity, ethnicity or religion.



# Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church

A progressive congregation welcoming of all people, the Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church celebrates peacemaking, caring for the earth and all its resources and inhabitants, and social justice.



# **Community Church of Hope**

A non-denominational organization, the Community Church of Hope is located in the heart of Phoenix's LGBTQIA+ friendly Melrose District. Catering to a diverse group of worshipers who are God-centered and Christ-driven, Community Church of Hope is welcoming to all.



# Desert Heritage Church

Affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Desert Heritage Church offers a welcoming environment in which to find a deeper faith, a lively experience of God's grace and goodness, and communion and community.



### **Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

In striving to affirm God's love, word and grace and following the example of Jesus Christ, the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all worshipers. Located in Phoenix's Melrose District, a short distance from the Downtown Phoenix campus and a short distance from the West and Tempe locations, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church offers services in both English and Spanish.



### First Congregational United Church of Christ of Phoenix

First Church UCC is a progressive, biblically-based denomination which seeks to follow Jesus' example in daily life, working to discover what it means to be authentically Christian in the current world and content. First Church is inclusive and affirming of all individuals.



#### Metropolitan Community Church Phoenix

MCC Phoenix is a vibrant, inclusive, progressive Christian community of passionate spiritual seekers, compassionate servants and bold agents of change. MCC Phoenix is a proud participant in Phoenix's Pride Parade.



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# Rebel and Divine United Church of Christ

Originally serving as an outreach project to help the homeless, marginalized, at risk and less fortunate LGBTQIA+ teens in the Phoenix metropolitan area, Rebel and Divine's mission is to bring health and wholeness to those between the ages of 14 and 25. Individuals of all faiths, ages and backgrounds are welcome.

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### **Affirmation: LGBT Mormons, Families and Friends**

A welcoming and affirming community, Affirmation is a charitable, service, educational and religious-oriented association that works for the understanding and acceptance of the LGBTQIA+ community is full, equal and worthy persons within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



#### **Changing Attitude**

Changing Attitude is an organization that works for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the Anglican Communion. The organization's website includes a directory of churches and resources by nation.



# **Dignity: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics**

Dignity is an organization to unite LGBTQIA+ Catholics, their families and friends in order to honor the Catholic heritage while promoting reform within the Church.



#### **Eshel**

The mission of Eshel is to create community and acceptance for LGBTQIA+ Jews and their families in the Orthodox communities by fostering understanding, support, advocacy and bridging seemingly disparate identities with the Jewish values of family, education, culture and spirituality.



#### JQ International

Creating visibility and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Jews and their allies, JQ International maintains a comprehensive list of national and international organizations and groups that offer support, resources and services for the LGBTQIA+ Jewish community.



## **Gay Buddhists Fellowship**

The Gay Buddhist Fellowship supports Buddhist practice in the gay men's community and brings together the diverse Buddhist traditions to address the spiritual concerns of gay.



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## **Gay and Lesbian Vaishnava Association**

GALVA is a nonprofit religious organization offering positive information and support to LGBTQIA+ Vaishnavas and Hindus, their friends and other persons dedicated to the teachings of Lord Caitanya, the importance of all-inclusiveness within His mission and the Vedic concept of a neutral third gender.



# LDS Family Fellowship

LDS Family Fellowship is a support organization engaged in strengthening relationships between LGBTQIA+ individual and their families and friends.



### More Light Presbyterians

An online network of people seeking the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church.



# **Rainbow Baptists**

Providing support, information and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ identified Baptists, their families and friends. Rainbow Baptists is an outreach ministry of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.



### **Reconciling Works**

Formerly Lutherans Concerned, Reconciling Works has worked for decades among Lutherans for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the church. With national and international programs, resources, and involvement opportunities, Reconciling Works advocates for full participation within the Lutheran Church.



#### Soulforce, Inc.

Soulforce is an interfaith movement committed to ending spiritual violence perpetuated by religious policies and teachings against LGBTQIA+ people and teaches and employs the nonviolent principles of Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to the liberation of sexual and gender minorities.



#### United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Coalition

Providing support and sanctuary to LGBTQIA+ individuals, their families and friends, the UCC advocates for full inclusion in church and society. Billed as the world's fastest-growing LGBTQIA+ welcoming church movement, UCC's resources include state-by-state legal updates on gay marriage and LGBTQIA+ civil rights.

