

# How to Be Listed as an Open and Affirming Church

Many UCC churches are already open and affirming communities in the way they live out their ministries. The churches listed here have intentionally gone through a dialogue process and officially voted to be listed as Open and Affirming.

To be listed as a United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Congregation, these steps need to be taken.

1. Write and adopt an ONA statement which welcomes gays and lesbians into the full life and ministry of your church. You can find samples from other churches at [ucccoalition.org](http://ucccoalition.org) under Sample ONA statements.

2. What to send:

- a. the statement
- b. date of adoption
- c. body taking the action (congregational meeting, annual meeting, ?)
- d. note of request to be publicly listed
- e. name of a person submitting the form
- f. their relation to the church
- g. phone number

3. Send to:

Open and Affirming Coalition  
of the United Church of Christ  
700 Prospect Ave  
Cleveland OH 44115