



OneBodyOneFaith

Affirming sexuality and gender in Christ

Visible Congregations Application Form

Visible Congregations are churches where some of OneBodyOneFaith's members have felt welcomed and at home. They are spread across a range of traditions, and people there may hold a range of views on sexuality, but some of our members - gay, straight, trans, married, single - have felt sufficiently comfortable to make this their regular place of worship, and have the agreement of the minister to be a Visible Congregation. We can't guarantee that everyone there will agree with you, or that it will be the best place for you to be - but it might be a good place to start.

Your minister will need to give their consent to be listed as a Visible Congregation. You'll receive a notice to display in church as follows:

"Within a range of different understandings about the Christian faith and sexuality, some of the people who worship here at (name of church) are also members of OneBodyOneFaith. We believe that:

It is the conviction of the members of OneBodyOneFaith that human sexuality , sexual orientation and gender identity in all their richness are gifts of God gladly to be accepted, enjoyed and honoured as a way of both expressing and growing in love , in accordance with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ . Therefore it is their conviction that it is entirely compatible with the Christian faith not only to love another person of the same sex, but also to express that love fully in a personal sexual relationship; We believe that expressing our gender and sexuality with integrity is important as a way to grow in love and discipleship ; we long for the day when Christians fully accept, welcome , affirm and offer equality to everyone in their diversity

If you identify as LGBT we hope you'll feel welcome here, especially if you're new to faith. You can find out more about the work of OneBodyOneFaith by speaking to (contact name) or by going to our website, where you can also find out about becoming a member or supporting our work."

Please complete the form overleaf.

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Complete the following in full:

Name of church: _____
Address: _____ _____
Name of minister: _____
Signature of minister: _____
Contact Name: _____
Contact address (this will not appear on the certificate): _____ _____
Email address: _____
Website (optional): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> We offer prayers and pastoral support after civil partnerships and marriages.
<input type="checkbox"/> We offer prayers and pastoral support during the process of gender transition.
<input type="checkbox"/> We offer marriage equally to both gay and straight couples.

Return this form to:

OneBodyOneFaith, South Church House, 25-26 Market Place, Newark, NG24 1EA
or email to getvisible@onebodyonefaith.org.uk

You will receive a certificate which will run for 1 year from the date printed on the certificate. You must renew your certificate annually. This ensures that our listings of Welcoming Congregations remain up-to-date. Your church will also be listed on OneBodyOneFaith's website.

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