

Central Okanagan United Church
721 Bernard Ave
Kelowna BC, V1Y 6P6
(250) 762-3311



To: Kelowna Pride Society

Dear Friends:

We were saddened to read the litany of abusive behaviour catalogued on your website. While such actions are aimed at and cause their deepest hurt to our friends, neighbours, colleagues and family members in the LGBTQ2SA+ community, every member of our society also bears their wounds.

At Central Okanagan United Church, we hold that Christ's message is one of reconciliation with God, affirming the personhood of each individual, no matter their gender or sexual identity. We are called as a church to lead with love and understanding, and to not pass judgement, but to offer care and safety to all.

Please know that we stand with you as we journey to a brighter, more welcoming and more accepting future. We are pleased to note that many other organizations have stated their solidarity with acceptance and love and have come forward to stand with you in the face of the forces of fear and hatred. Our newly amalgamated congregation is committed to being a safe, welcoming and self-aware church for all who enter in. We are also beginning the journey to be formally designated an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, a designation previously held by one of our founding congregations. An Affirming Ministry declares itself to be fully inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities – and backs up its words with action.

Thank you for granting us the opportunity to share our support and pledge our commitment.

Board and Congregation of Central Okanagan United Church

W: centralokanaganunitedchurch.com
T: (250) 762-3311
E: admin@centralokanaganunitedchurch.com