



United Methodist Reconciling  
Community of Howard, PA

**Declaration of Inclusion and Unity**

*'All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.'* –2 Corinthians 5:21 NRSV

The United Methodist Reconciling Community of Howard, PA proclaims all people are created in the image of God. We affirm each person, regardless of age, economic status, faith history, ethnicity, gender, mental or physical ability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identification, is a beloved child of God and worthy of God's love and grace.

We support the full participation of all persons in every phase of church life. We support marriage equality and full pastoral privileges for all persons regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification.

We state clearly we are not leaving The United Methodist Church and are dedicated to seek unity in our congregation and denomination.

**(This statement reflects the views of the individuals of the United Methodist Reconciling Community of Howard, PA. It is not intended to imply any official support or endorsement by Howard United Methodist Church.)**

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