



Called to Love at Church of the Master, UMC

“Called to Love” lives into our shared baptismal covenant to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. We celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of

Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

“Called to Love” works within Church of the Master and our city of Westerville to facilitate education and communication around the complex topics of gender identity and sexual orientation. We offer an environment of support and community for LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) persons and allies, transforming the church into a fuller expression of Christ’s inclusive love.

October 17th, 2022

Community Report:

You can continue contacting State Board of Ed to oppose “Shea’s Resolution,” even though it has now been sent to committee and will hopefully die there.

<https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/title-ix-resolution.html>

As we approach Election Day, you can view a scorecard created by Equality Ohio that grades elected official based on their support of LGBTQ+ persons

<https://equalityohio.org/our-work/scorecard-2022/>

Content & Conversation:

Lane Shirrell - Kaleidoscope Youth Center

Lane gave us an overview of active bills in process for the State of Ohio that directly impact LGBTQ+ persons, and guidance on what to say/write when we contact our representatives. (Including this [beloved reminder of how a bill becomes a law.](#)) Attached, find a document listing current bills to support and to oppose. You can access more details about the status of each of these bills and what steps to take next:

<https://equalityohio.org/call-portman/>

Upcoming meeting dates: Dec 12, Feb 20, Apr 17,

Closing Prayer

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