

EMPIRE STATE PRIDE AGENDA



Dear Friend,

I am writing to invite you to join Pride in the Pulpit!

As the statewide voice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) advocacy, Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation has launched Pride in the Pulpit to mobilize New York's progressive religious community. The mission of Pride in the Pulpit is to create a network of congregations and leaders of faith throughout New York State to advocate for equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers and their families.

Pride in the Pulpit is made up of hundreds of congregations and leaders of faith representing over 33 denominations and faith traditions. We are Episcopal ministers in Mt. Sinai, Reform rabbis in Westchester, Roman Catholics in Utica, Buddhist priests in New York City, and proud people of faith throughout NY State. We are united in our willingness to advocate for the LGBT community.

We invite you to join us in the fight for equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers! There are many ways that you can get involved:

- **Receive a monthly email newsletter to stay informed of the work we are doing in your area.**
- **Schedule a time to meet with a member of our Speakers Bureau and discuss how your congregation can support its LGBT members.**
- **Become trained to speak to other congregations in your area and act as a local contact for media requests concerning related issues in the news.**
- **Attend a Multi-faith Roundtable to discuss how leaders of faith can strengthen faith-based advocacy throughout New York State. For a calendar of events, please visit the Pride in the Pulpit page at www.prideagenda.org.**
- **Join us for a Multi-faith Prayer Service at our annual LGBT Equality and Justice Day in Albany (May 2007) where Pride in the Pulpit members will meet with legislators to share a positive perspective of LGBT people.**
- **Plan on attending our 2nd Annual Statewide Conference and participate in numerous conference sessions that will enhance or expand your current understanding of LGBT issues and concerns.**

We deeply appreciate **whatever level** of support you can offer and are happy to answer your questions and listen to your concerns. Please visit www.prideagenda.org/pulpit to learn more about Pride in the Pulpit or call Rev. Dámaris E. Ortega at 212-627-0305, ext.106 to confirm your participation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Peace,

Rev. Dámaris E. Ortega
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