

THE LGBTQ+
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SOUTH COAST MASSACHUSETTS

A Resource from The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network

Keeping the Faith

A curated directory of LGBTQ+ affirming houses of worship across the South Coast of Massachusetts and nearby Rhode Island.

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FAITH TRADITIONS

Presented by The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network

Companion to the PRISM exhibit, 2026

You have always belonged somewhere

For many LGBTQ+ people, religious faith is a vital source of strength, community, and personal identity. This guide is about finding that home: houses of worship across the South Coast that openly welcome LGBTQ+ people, fully as who they are.

Every community here has been a faithful partner with The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network over the years, with faith leaders and congregants working to promote acceptance and justice for LGBTQ+ people. They are grouped by tradition, with the details you need to reach out and visit.

A welcome in many languages

Different traditions express the same open door in their own words: the Quaker meeting's silence, the Unitarian Universalist's inherent worth and dignity, the Open and Affirming covenant of the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal parish's place at the table, the synagogue's egalitarian spirit. On this list, they all mean the same thing: you are welcome here.

A living document

This directory reflects the Network's faithful partners and will keep growing. A community's absence does not mean it is unwelcoming. If your congregation belongs here, or a detail needs updating, the Network wants to hear from you.

By faith tradition

Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) 4 communities

Meetings for worship in silence, in the affirming New England Yearly Meeting tradition.

Allens Neck Friends Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

LED BY Unprogrammed meeting (no single pastor)
ADDRESS 739 Horseneck Road, South Dartmouth, MA 02748
ONLINE allensneckquakers.org



Mattapoisett Friends Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

LED BY Unprogrammed meeting (no single pastor)
ADDRESS 103 Marion Road (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, MA 02739
ONLINE mattapoisettquakers.org



New Bedford Friends Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

LED BY Unprogrammed meeting (no single pastor)
ADDRESS 83 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
PHONE 508-990-0710
ONLINE www.fgcquaker.org



Westport Friends Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

LED BY Unprogrammed meeting (no single pastor)
ADDRESS 938 Main Road, Westport, MA 02790
PHONE 508-636-4963
ONLINE www.westportfriendsmeeting.org

Welcoming Congregations in a tradition built on the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Fairhaven Unitarian Church

Unitarian Universalist

LED BY Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe, Interim Minister
ADDRESS 102 Green Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719
PHONE 508-992-7081
ONLINE www.uufairhaven.org

First Parish Church

Unitarian Universalist

LED BY Rev. Rob Kinslow, Minister
ADDRESS 76 Church Green, Taunton, MA 02780
PHONE 508-822-2107
ONLINE www.firstparishtaunton.org



Middleboro Unitarian Church

Unitarian Universalist

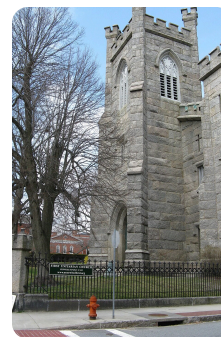
LED BY Rev. Beau Rivers, Minister
ADDRESS 25 South Main Street, Middleboro, MA 02346
PHONE 508-947-1935
ONLINE uumiddleboro.org



New Bedford Unitarian Church

Unitarian Universalist

LED BY Rev. Karen LeBlanc, M.Div, Minister
ADDRESS 71 Eighth Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
PHONE 508-994-9686
ONLINE www.uunewbedford.org



Parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts active in welcome and in Pride.

Grace Episcopal Church

Episcopal

LED BY Rev. Jeremy Froyen, CFC, Rector
ADDRESS 133 School Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
PHONE 508-993-0547
ONLINE gracechurchnb.org

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Episcopal

LED BY The Rev. David A. Fredrickson, Interim Priest
ADDRESS 124 Front Street, P.O. Box 545, Marion, MA 02738
PHONE 508-748-1507
ONLINE stgabrielsmarion.org

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Episcopal

LED BY The Rev. Scott A. Ciosek, Rector
ADDRESS 351 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748
PHONE 774-510-5661
ONLINE stpetersdartmouth.org

St. Martin's Episcopal

Episcopal

ADDRESS 136 Rivet Street, New Bedford, MA 02744
PHONE 508-994-8972
ONLINE stmartinsnb.org

United Church of Christ 3 communities

Open and Affirming congregations in a denomination that declares an extravagant welcome.

Amicable Church

United Church of Christ

LED BY Rev. Maddie Foster, Minister
ADDRESS 3736 Main Road, Tiverton, RI 02878
PHONE 401-624-4611
ONLINE www.amicablechurch.org



Congregational Church of South Dartmouth

United Church of Christ

LED BY Rev. Dr. Shannon Michael Pater, Interim Minister
ADDRESS 17 Middle Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748
PHONE 508-993-6676
ONLINE congochurchsd.org

Pilgrim Church

United Church of Christ

LED BY Rev. Dr. Donnie Anderson, Pastor
ADDRESS 635 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
PHONE 508-997-9086
ONLINE www.pilgrimuccnb.org

Jewish congregations 2 communities

Egalitarian communities welcoming LGBTQ+ members and families.

Agudath Achim

Jewish congregation

LED BY Rabbi Josh Schreiber, Spiritual Leader
ADDRESS 36 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA 02780
PHONE 508-822-3230
ONLINE www.agudathachim.org

Tiffereth Israel

Jewish congregation

LED BY Cantor Nathaniel Schudrich, Spiritual Leader
ADDRESS 145 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740
PHONE 508-997-3171
ONLINE tinewbedford.org

A New Thought spiritual community gathering across the South Coast.

Center for Spiritual Living

Center for Spiritual Living

LED BY Barbara M. Fuyat, RScP (Primary Contact)

PHONE 401-301-3772

ONLINE www.cslsouthcoast.org

THE WORK CONTINUES

Rooted in community, built for everyone

The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network is a network of neighbors, advocates, and friends working every day to make the South Coast a safer, more welcoming place for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

This guide is a companion to PRISM, the Network's living exhibit of LGBTQ+ history and culture. Reach out to any of these communities for belonging and spiritual support, and tell us about a congregation we should add. Free for everyone. Always.

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