

RECONCILING WELCOMING STATEMENT VOTE

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I am a full member of Onalaska United Methodist Church.

REQUIRED indicate membership status. Membership status will be checked against church rolls.

This vote is to adopt the welcoming statement prepared by members of Onalaska United Methodist Church during our Reconciling process:

1. At Onalaska United Methodist Church, we believe in the teachings of Jesus: unconditional love, compassion, and justice.
2. All persons are created in God’s image and are of sacred worth. We affirm and celebrate persons of *all* ages, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, family structures, abilities, economic statuses, races, ethnicities, national origins, and heritages.
3. We honor the unique gifts of *all* persons including LGBTQ+ individuals and their call to serve according to their spiritual gifts. The body of Christ shares one baptism and God’s table is open to all.
4. We support the ordination of LGBTQ+ individuals and welcome them to serve our Church.
5. We will open our doors to celebrate the weddings of *all* prepared couples who, in consultation with our pastor, seek to commit their lives to one another with the blessing of our Creator.
6. We are the people of open hearts, open minds, and open doors. In the words of John Wesley, “We can love alike, though we may not think alike.”

* *Numbers are for paragraph references and are not part of the Reconciling Statement.*

Please mark ONE of the following boxes:

YES, Onalaska UMC should adopt this statement.

NO, Onalaska UMC should not adopt this statement.

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