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UU Congregation of Monmouth County
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Dear Judy and Members of the UU Congregation of Monmouth County,

Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that the UU Congregation of Monmouth County's application to renew its Welcoming Congregation status has been APPROVED. Sincere congratulations on your ongoing commitment to serve the LGBTQ+ community in and beyond Lincroft, NJ.

It was a pleasure to read what you have accomplished and the powerful work you have done since you were originally recognized as a Welcoming Congregation 22 years ago. Thank you for putting so much effort into summarizing and detailing your efforts. It is clear that UUCMC understands that becoming recognized as a Welcoming Congregation is a commitment rather than an end point.

It is so delightful to learn of the variety of work that you have done recently to reaffirm your commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation. This is evidenced by the *Search for Meaning* series and the supporting multi-media programming materials. I love that you have moved beyond the familiar gay and lesbian framing to include discussion about bisexuality, gender (*Genderbread* is brilliant naming), and multiple aspects of transgender experience.

I look forward to witnessing your continued growth as you strive to incorporate the intersections of race, ethnicities, economics, abilities, age, and gender into your Welcoming ethnos. These distinctions will add flesh to the foundational bones of your Welcoming Congregation program.

As you continue to make the UUCMC an even more Welcoming one, I hope you will see the UUA as a resource for you—please reach out should any questions arise or we can be of service and support. I encourage you to visit our website often, as we are continually adding new resources that will help you on your journey toward inclusive community. Please subscribe to the quarterly [UPLIFT newsletter](#) at www.uua.org/lgbtq, visit the [UPLIFT blog](#), and follow UPLIFT Twitter and Instagram @uua_lgbtq.

You can expect to receive two newly designed Welcoming Congregation posters in the mail. In the meantime, you have approval to use the [new Welcoming Congregation logo](#) on your website and other materials.

Thanks again for your congregation's life-giving, essential work!

With appreciation,



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LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Manager

