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Delaware Interfaith Statement

Eighty-two Delaware religious leaders from eleven religious traditions (Jewish, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, UCC, Baptist, MCC, United Methodist, Unitarian Universalist, and Earth Centered) have signed the following statement, managed under the auspices of the [ACLU of Delaware](#)'s Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Project. If you are a Delaware resident and a clergy person or spiritual leader of a group in a tradition without clergy and you would like to add your name, call Douglas and Corey Marshall-Steele at 302-684-1032.

Love for and respect of one's fellow human being is perhaps the most prominent and universal core value of the many spiritual and religious traditions that have ever existed. While sometimes differing markedly in many other ways, spiritual and religious persons and groups can at least agree with this tenet: "We have a deep and abiding obligation to love and respect others." Indeed, not treating others respectfully or as we would want to be treated is seen by the various faith traditions as moral failure.

As leaders representing a wide variety of spiritual expression in the State of Delaware, we strongly support the full civil rights of lesbian, gay and bisexual persons and see such support as being very consistent with our shared belief.