



May 25, 2022

An Invitation to Welcome and Support

On June 5th of this year, Pentecost Sunday, members and allies of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community will gather in Winnipeg for the first in-person Pride Parade since 2019. This is an important event in the life of our community. At its heart, the mission of Pride Winnipeg reflects core beliefs of our ministry as disciples – to ensure that all people can live their lives without fear or oppression for being themselves.

Your bishops are inviting our clergy, members, and friends to support and take part in this year's Pride Season. In particular, we are inviting you to join with Lutherans and Anglicans who will be walking together in a 'walking float' as part of the parade. The group will meet on the morning of the event and the parade begins at 11:00am. Full details are available through the Facebook event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/723157845770112/>) and exact meeting locations will be posted on the day of the event.

Many of our congregations and ministries are already part of Proud Anglicans or Reconciling Works, including St. John's Anglican Cathedral and the MNO Synod. Taking part in this event is a way for us to live into those commitments and, more importantly, to be a visible sign of God's grace and welcome to all people. This is an opportunity to work for justice and peace in the world through our discipleship and out of our baptismal call.

If you're unable to join the event in Winnipeg, we also encourage you to take part in Pride events in your region on various dates throughout the summer.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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