

OPEN AND AFFIRMING

The people of the Rutherford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, embrace the loving and creative goodness of God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming church and welcome into full participation members and staff of every sexual orientation just as we extend the same loving welcome to people of every age, race, gender, physical and mental ability, ethnicity and marital and economic status. We affirm the gifts for ministry of all God's children and will not be silent when the rights and dignity of any are denied. We seek to be a congregation that welcomes and nurtures all people, that encourages respect, justice and compassion for all human relationships and that strives for wholeness in our city, country and throughout the world.