

## AMC's Affirming Statement

AMC has had conversation about being an Affirming Church for many years. This was again heard at the last AGM. In a process to address this, AMC has had a committee that worked to create this type of statement. The goal of this process is to actively work to reduce the barriers of people coming to church and showing that God's love is inclusive of all people - specifically at AMC. Council has reviewed and is recommending the following statement to our congregation (this is a slight word revision from the original submitted). This will be on the agenda at the next AGM as a resolution for our congregation to review and will be voted on for approval for use.

"At AMC, we welcome all persons into fellowship, membership, and leadership. We do so inclusive of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other identities that have experienced discrimination and marginalization. We seek reconciliation with those who have not historically experienced such welcome in the church. As a congregation, we embrace God's way of welcome, love, and justice for all."