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LGBTQ+ Equality Prayer Service Will Be Hosted by Five Local Faith Organizations, Oct. 17

FOND DU LAC—Five local faith organizations are joining together to host an affirming LGBTQ+ Prayer Service—“Bringing Fond du Lac Together”—on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 6-8 p.m. in the McLain Room of the Fond du Lac Public Library, 32 Sheboygan St. Refreshments will follow the ecumenical service. All who stand on the side of love are welcome.

The sponsoring organizations include Open Circle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Holy Family Catholic Community, Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes, and the Capuchin Franciscans.

A joint statement from the groups reads: “Join us as concerned people of faith seek to promote spiritual awareness and commitment to equality at the table of society and churches for those who identify themselves as LGBTQ+, and for their families, friends, and supporters. We believe that accepting diversity enlarges all of us and moves us forward to a stronger and more peaceful society. We believe in the power of prayer to bring people together in reconciliation and mutual acceptance.”

The “Bringing Fond du Lac Together” service will celebrate LGBTQ individuals. The service will be led by Open Circle’s Rev. Jim Coakley, Father Ken Smits of the Capuchin Friars (Catholic priest), and Pastor Ted Drewson of Pilgrim UCC. Open Circle’s Equality Project Coordinator Christopher Szymczak also has an integral role in the service.

For more details about the ecumenical event, including videos from supporters and leaders, visit the Open Circle Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Open-Circle-Unitarian-Universalist-Fellowship-115997188421362/> . Open Circle also holds a monthly gathering focused on LGBTQ+ education and support; for more information, visit The Equality Project on Facebook at www.facebook.com/equalityprojectfdl ###