

About B-WARM

B-WARM works to encourage dialogue and education with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons, to increase the number of Reconciling congregations, and to stand in solidarity with all who have been excluded or marginalized by church policies and practices.

Members of B-WARM come from United Methodist churches from across the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Some of us are members of reconciling congregations; many of us are not. We are LGBT and straight people. We are clergy and we are lay persons.

Mission Statement

The Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists seek to affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and ensure the full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the ministry and life of the United Methodist Church, particularly in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

**B-WARM is a member of the
Reconciling Ministries Network**
(www.rmnetwork.org)

**BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AREA
RECONCILING UNITED
METHODISTS (B-WARM)**

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Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists (B-WARM)



Talk with us ...
Learn about our
resources ...

Join us in seeking to change
church policies and practices
to ensure the full inclusion
of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
transgender people in the
ministry and life of the
United Methodist Church.

Get Involved

B-WARM meets on the second Saturdays of select months from 10:00 am to noon, with refreshments starting at 9:30 am. Each meeting over the course of a year is held in a different region of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. B-WARM also hosts occasional special events, workshops, and conferences at various locations in the area.

Much of the work of B-WARM is carried out by three committees: the **Education** committee develops educational events and resources; the **Advocacy** committee works on a variety of advocacy efforts, particularly leading up to our Annual and General Conferences; and the **Affirmation/Outreach** committee focuses on outreach as well as on the ways B-WARM can provide a supportive, affirmative spiritual community.

All three committees welcome and would love to have your participation.

Educational Resources . . .

Trying to start or enhance a dialogue in your church? B-WARM offers a number of educational resources that can help.

Panel Presentations

B-WARM can provide panel presentations for your local congregation. Available topics currently include but are not limited to the following:

- Gay . . . Lesbian . . . United Methodists
- Tales of Welcome and Rejection
- How Does a Church Become a Reconciling Congregation?
- OK, We're Reconciling . . . Now What?
- Parents' Reconciling Network

B-WARM Speakers' Bureau

B-WARM's speakers are prepared to address topics including:

- Christian sexuality
- What does the Bible say?
- Starting the Reconciling conversation
- Responding to the UM Book of Discipline
- Marriage equality
- Talking to kids about inclusion

Media

B-WARM can help you host a screening of thought-provoking films such as:

- "Incompatible with Christian Teaching"
- "Bullied"

Form a Reconciling Book Club

B-WARM will also be happy to work with you to provide suggestions for a Reconciling book club or for book studies.

Learn More

To learn more about B-WARM, visit **www.bwarm.org**. While you are visiting B-WARM's website, we invite you to join our e-mail list to receive regular information about meetings and events. We also invite you to contact B-WARM if you are interested in a speaker or presentation but don't see quite the topic you have in mind listed. We look forward to talking with you — and perhaps meeting you and having you become involved in the work of B-WARM!