

## An Invitation

You are invited to come talk with us, dream with us, and plan with us, so that together we can discern the presence of God at work in our lives and in the United Methodist Church.

B-WARM meets on select Saturday mornings 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 special workshops or conferences at locations in various parts of the Conference.

To learn more about B-WARM, visit [www.bwarm.org](http://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, and then start planning to join us at an upcoming activity. We look forward to meeting you!

**B-WARM is a member of the  
Reconciling Ministries Network  
([www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org))**

**BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AREA  
RECONCILING UNITED  
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## Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists (B-WARM)



Talk with us ...  
Dream with us ...  
Plan with us ...

**And 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.**

## 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.

## Strategies

In pursuit of a fully inclusive and reconciled United Methodist Church that nurtures disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, BWARM will:

- Create and promote dialogue and education about the sacred worth of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons.
- Reach out to and affirm LGBT United Methodists and their friends, families and loved ones.
- Support and encourage congregations and individuals in the process of becoming reconciling.
- Act to change exclusive and discriminatory policies and practices in the Church.
- Stand in solidarity with all who have been excluded or marginalized by the Church and society.
- Work within the United Methodist Church.
- Work within and support the Reconciling Ministries Network.

## B-WARM History

B-WARM follows in the tradition of generations and generations of Christians working for greater justice in the life of the church. Spurred by the church trial of Beth Stroud, an article in the *Washington Blade* entitled “Methodists Don’t Welcome Gays,” the 2004 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, and responding to God’s call to work for justice, United Methodists from around the Baltimore-Washington Conference began gathering in the fall of 2004.

Since that time, B-WARM has —

- Had active advocacy and education committees.
- Submitted resolutions to our Annual Conference and worked on behalf of those resolutions.
- Met with members of our Conference delegation to the 2008 General Conference.
- And had a strong presence at Annual Conferences and the 2008 General Conference. A B-WARM choir has even performed at an Annual Conference!

B-WARM’s education efforts have included hosting conferences and a number of special workshop presentations. B-WARM speakers are available to present to or talk with congregations across the conference.

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