In the Summer of 2025, the Episcopal Church will once again make herself known as a welcoming and safe place for LGBTRIA Locks and those who love them.

Congregations from across The Diocese of West Missouri are invited to prayerfully consider why and how they would like to send representatives to help us extend our best invitation into the life of the church and her service during the weekend festival, parade, and other celebrations.

Three ways you and your congregations can get involved:

One:

Pride Parade

Saturday morning, the weekend of Pride, we will step-off the curb at noon – with hopefully twice as many people as last year! We'll march and wave and proclaim the love of God to all. This year we'll have a float! We will hold 2 parade-prep gatherings: one on May 29th at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and one on June 3^{trd} at St. Paul's KC where people will gather to paint signs, prep float decorations, and prepare swag. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054 EAFAE2BABF9C07-56796723pride/66304136#/. If have any questions, please contact Donn & Lynette Harrison at donnharrison@gmail.com or lynettehharrison@hotmail.com

Two:



This event runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Pride Weekend. For a third year the Diocese is a

sponsor and will have a booth in a Sponsor tent. We need to recruit and train volunteers to hand out literature, swag and mostly importantly share Gods love with all we encounter. To volunteer to help, sign up here: pridefest#/https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C0A4EA5AE29A20-56754924-pridefest#/ or if you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Robin Rusconi at <u>robinrusconi@yahoo.com</u>

Three:



We will gather before the parade steps off on Saturday morning to break, bless, and share the story of God's love for all. Afterwards, those who wish to march in the parade will walk from St. Paul's to Westport to line-up. To help with the Mass, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Sackhoff at jen@saintannesls.org or sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EAF A82FA3F8C16-56936698-pride#/ Musicians and other singers please contact Sam Anderson at

musicprogram.stpauls@gmail.com

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Feel Called to Help, but aren't sure how? Contact Raja Reed, <u>rajareed@gmail.com</u> or

Robin Rusconi, robinrusconi@yahoo.com



We believe that all people are worthy of respect and honor because all are created in the image of God, and all can respond to the love of God.

However, we see in our churches and in society, LGBTQiA people are not always counted among those for whom the Church seeks justice, or grants due respect, as loving and beloved members of the household of God. We recognize that fear of, and discrimination against LGBTQiA people is part of an oppressive history within the Church and society, which distorts our relationship with God and with other people and diminishes the humanity of us all.

Therefore, we feel compelled to make explicit our welcome of LGBTQiA people into the ministries and life of the Episcopal church, incarnating the message, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You." We welcome the ministry and witness of all persons to serve as leaders and participants, fully participating in our life, worship and governance. You are Invited To join the Episcopal Presence at

Pride 2025

