



On June 9, 2024, members of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford voted to become an Open & Affirming congregation and adopted the following ONA Covenant

We, the faith community of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, United Church of Christ, aspire to live by the wisdom of Christ’s teachings. At the heart of our vision and mission is a commitment to inclusivity and acceptance. We welcome everyone regardless of age; race; culture; sexual orientation; gender identity and expression; family configuration; economic circumstances; mental, physical, development, and emotional ability; and religious tradition.

Jesus Christ, in speaking to his disciples said this: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. “(John 13: 34).

As current disciples of Jesus, we commit to maintain a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful involvement in the life of the church. Jesus’ teachings of love and compassion call us to uplift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity, both within the sanctuary of this church and throughout the community in which we live and serve.

Diversity in our world is a gift from God which we celebrate. Guided by our Lord’s wisdom, we offer an authentic and loving welcome to all who seek a relationship with God, and we proclaim ourselves an Open and Affirming church.

Our work as an ONA Congregation needs to continue moving forward. In the upcoming year, the ONA committee will be providing information and planning activities that will help us learn about and embrace the diversity in our own community.

If you are interested in joining the ONA committee, please contact any committee member or Reverend Jeffers