

No. 75934-1

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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HEATHER ANDERSEN and LESLIE CHRISTIAN, et al., Respondents,

v.

KING COUNTY, et al., Appellants,

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Appeal from the Superior Court of King County  
The Honorable William L. Downing

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CELIA CASTLE and BRENDA BAUER et al., Respondents,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, Appellant,

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Appeal from the Superior Court of Thurston County  
The Honorable Richard D. Hicks

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF  
ON BEHALF OF MULTIFAITH WORKS,  
COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS EQUALITY,  
AND WASHINGTON FAITH COMMUNITIES**

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## I. IDENTITY & INTEREST OF MOVING PARTIES

*Amici curiae* include a wide variety of religious faiths, traditions, and other religious organizations throughout the State of Washington. *Amici* include: Multifaith Works, the organizer of the Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Communities, the Religious Coalition for Equality, and numerous individual congregations from across the state. See Appendix A for *amici* Statements of Interest.

Multifaith Works is an inter-faith, not-for-profit organization which works to build a “community of compassion” across lines of religion and spirituality, particularly in service of people living with AIDS. One program within Multifaith Works is the Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Congregations (MARC) which endeavors to educate and support clergy and laypeople from multiple traditions regarding human dignity and sexuality, particularly with respect to homophobia and religious intolerance of homosexual people. Multifaith Works seeks to support the dignity and equal rights of all people, include the right of same-gender couples to marry. See Appendix A pp. 1-2.

The Religious Coalition for Equality is an interfaith association of lay person and clergy committed to a twofold purpose: to educate Washington State citizens about and advocate for marriage equality for all

couples and the civil rights of all. Under the auspices of the Religious Coalition for Equality, 227 individual religious leaders from around the state have joined in signing a “Statement of Faith-Based Support for Same-Sex Marriage.” See Appendix A p. 3; Appendix B.

*Amici* also include the following congregations from across the State of Washington:

- All Pilgrims Christian Church, United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ;
- Seattle First Baptist Church;
- Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue of Bellevue;
- Temple Beth Am;
- Bethany United Church of Christ;
- Temple Beth Or;
- Broadview Community United Church of Christ;
- Central Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity;
- Community Church of Joy;
- Olympia Friends Meeting;
- Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation;
- Pullman-Moscow Friends Meeting;
- Tacoma Friends Monthly Meeting;
- Rainbow Cathedral Metropolitan Community Church;
- University Friends Meeting;

- Walla Walla Friends Meeting;
- Wallingford United Methodist Church; and
- West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

See Appendix A pp. 4 – 21.

*Amici* support the right of all committed couples to marry, regardless of gender. *Amici* recognize the fundamental distinction between civil marriage, sanctioned by the state, and the religious rites of matrimony, governed by an individual faith's practice. *Amici* believe that the constitutional protections of equal protection and the free exercise of religion require equal rights of access, without regard to gender or sexual orientation, to civil marriage.

## **II. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF & ARGUMENT**

*Amici* are familiar with the issues and the scope of argument presented in filings before this Court. *Amici* are able to provide broader context for the Court's consideration of the views of various religious communities in its review of constitutional issues related to the right of all committed couples to marry and specific counterpoint to the express and implied arguments of Appellants/Intervenors.

### III. CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, *amici* should be granted leave to file an *amici curiae* brief. *Amici* respectfully request that this Court accept the accompanying *amici curiae* brief for consideration.

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005.

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## APPENDIX

### AMICI STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

#### Multifaith Works

Multifaith Works envisions the building of compassionate and inclusive community by utilizing the efforts of people of diverse cultural, ethnic, and spiritual backgrounds. We help in this process by mobilizing volunteers from many spiritual and cultural backgrounds to provide practical and emotional support, and housing, for people living with AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Through all of our programs, Multifaith Works promotes understanding and acceptance of human diversity.

In all our work we are committed to:

- Treating all people with dignity and respect, while modeling behavior that is affirming and respectful of human diversity.
- Maximizing our clients' independence as much as possible.
- Striving to bring comfort to people who are suffering, healing and reconciliation to people who are alienated, and peace to people who are dying.
- Building a supportive community among all persons involved in our various projects.
- Using the shared values and perspectives of our various traditions to guide our work.
- Honoring individual spiritual perspectives and the integrity of our various beliefs while simultaneously respecting the constitutional separation of church and state.

With this vision, mission and set of values, it is easy to understand why Multifaith Works is at the forefront of efforts to establish equal

marriage rights for same sex couples. It is a matter of simple dignity and respect; it is a strenuous belief in the equal rights of all people in this country; and it is a fervent belief in the separation of church and state based on our understanding of the incredible diversity of religious beliefs among us.

Through our program, the Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Congregations, Multifaith Works has worked hard to bring together like-minded clergy and congregations in support of what we hold to be a basic human right.

### Religious Coalition for Equality

The Religious Coalition for Equality is an interfaith association of lay persons and clergy committed to a twofold purpose: to educate Washington State citizens about and to advocate for marriage equality for all couples and the civil rights of all. Under the auspices of the Religious Coalition for Equality, over 227 individual religious leaders from around the state have joined in signing a “Statement of Faith-Based Support for Same-Sex Marriage.” The coalition communities of faith represented range from Protestant to Catholic, Jewish to Buddhist, Druid to Wiccan, and others.



All Pilgrims Christian Church; United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ

The pastors of All Pilgrims have performed hundreds of wedding ceremonies for same gender couples. Each time, they experience the couples involved as possessing the same qualities and traits that we see in heterosexual couples. Same gender couples seek to solidify their union in marriage. They seek legal protection from outside forces who want to harm their tender reality. Many same gender couples have children who deserve and demand to receive the same legal protections that children in heterosexual unions receive and rely on.

Gay and Lesbian couples strengthen what is called the institution of marriage. We have all been inspired by the commitment of homosexual couples who thrive everyday despite homophobia; while many of their heterosexual counterparts take for granted the rights and privileges they have. There is absolutely no reason to deny Gay and Lesbian couples the legal rights of marriage. We need to separate the religious and civil issues in this case. As ministers of God and Jesus Christ, we declare that homosexuality is a natural part of God's plan for humanity. That homosexual marriages are equal to heterosexual marriages. We fervently pray that the justices and people of this country will see just how incredible and beautiful they are.

### Seattle First Baptist Church

Seattle First Baptist Church was founded in 1869. Seattle First Baptist has a long history of engagement in social and justice issues in the community. Seattle First Baptist has been a “welcoming and affirming” church for over three decades, and prides itself on the way in which it becomes involved in issues such as the right of all committed couples to marry.

### Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue of Bellevue

Bet Alef is a synagogue that celebrates a spiritual approach to Jewish tradition in an inclusive and welcoming community. Bet Alef is ten years old, located in Bellevue, and is creating a house of prayer for all people. The Synagogue is active in the interfaith community in Seattle and, coming from a spiritual approach, believes in the goodness and the divine of every living being, regardless of race, creed, or sexual orientation. Bet Alef believes that everyone has goodness deserving of regard and respect.

### Temple Beth Am

Temple Beth Am of Seattle is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary as a congregation. We are a diverse community of 800 families and are members of the largest movement in Judaism, the Reform Movement. Our rabbis have been blessing gay and lesbian marriages for the past seven years and our national movement of rabbis has endorsed the right of gays and lesbians to wed based on our interpretation of Jewish Law. Therefore we believe that the state, by refusing to sanction these marriages, is limiting our religious freedom and is establishing a particular religious viewpoint that runs counter to our system of beliefs. For this reason our board voted unanimously to sign on to support this *amicus curiae* brief. Protecting the freedom of minorities, bringing blessing to people's relationships, and encouraging the sanctity of marriage is something to which we are very committed and believe that the freedom to marry, for gays and lesbians equally in the same manner that heterosexual couples do, will help us to fulfill our religious mission in this great country.

Bethany United Church of Christ

Bethany United Church of Christ opened in 2000, as an extension of the nearly century-old progressive Congregational/United Church of Christ presence in South Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood. The latter is one of the most ethnically and economically diverse areas in Seattle, if not the state of Washington. Since its inception, Bethany UCC has been an "Open and Affirming" congregation that seeks to model Christian principles by including people of all races, ethnic origins, cultural backgrounds, ages, and sexual orientations in all aspects of church life and governance. Our congregation reflects this diversity and contains both male-female and same-sex couples and parents. Bethany UCC recognizes that all individuals are God's beloved and that we are called to seek justice for any members of our community who are oppressed. On January 27, 2005, Bethany's Governing Board, on behalf of the congregation, voted unanimously to sign on in support of this *amici curiae* brief.

## Temple Beth Or

Temple Beth Or, which began 20 years ago, is the only Jewish organization in Snohomish County and serves Jews from there and from four other counties. Temple Beth Or is a warm, compassionate, vibrant, spirited, inclusive, and participatory Reform Jewish community. We are religiously and geographically diverse, serving the northern Puget Sound region of Washington State. We believe the characteristics of *kiddushin*, of a holy relationship, are independent of the gender of the couple. Holiness requires a permanent commitment, a fierce interdependence, and a mission that transcends just having a loving, caring, respectful, and permanent relationship.

## Broadview Community United Church of Christ

Broadview Community United Church of Christ is a “small but mighty” congregation that for decades has been at the forefront of a wide range of community and international concerns.

Broadview is a theologically and socially diverse faith community, rooted in both scripture and contemporary reflection. It is one of a growing number of “Open and Affirming” congregations which have, after much prayer and dialogue, chosen to “affirm that lesbian, gay and bisexual persons are welcomed...in the same spirit and manner used in the acceptance of any member,” and “are expected and encouraged to share in liturgy, spirituality, life, employment and leadership.” Each Sunday bulletin states, and the variety of members demonstrate that Broadview “celebrates its diversity in religious background, sexual orientation, race, age and abilities.” In keeping with the spirit of being Open and Affirming and active in social justice matters, Broadview wholeheartedly supports marriage equality for all people, regardless of sexual orientation.

### Central Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Central Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, located on Capitol Hill in Seattle, was founded in 1890 and has a long tradition of advocacy on issues of peace and social justice. Central welcomes all people – including all gay and lesbian people – to participate fully in the life of the congregation. The congregation adopted its formal “Affirmation of Welcome” in 1991, but has welcomed openly gay people and has performed marriages of same-gender couples since the 1970s. About ten percent of Central’s 270 active members are gay or lesbian. Many of these are same-gender couples in long-term, committed relationships, several of whom are raising children. One of Central’s members has been elected as a delegate to the 2005 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which will be considering a churchwide policy on blessing of same-gender unions. (Currently, each congregation is allowed to perform such unions, but there is no national approval of the practice.) Central is strongly interested in supporting the relationships of all couples and families and believes that allowing same-gender couples access to civil marriage will do just that.



### Community Church of Joy

Community Church of Joy is an inclusive Christian community. Headed by an African-American pastor, the church is a multi-racial congregation of Christians seeking to grow in Christ through worship, discipleship, and service. The church advocates for justice for all, and welcomes all people regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation. It is a congregation dedicated to being a community of faith, justice, and liberation.

### Olympia Friends Meeting

Olympia Friends Meeting is composed of members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). We believe there is the “Light of God” in each person and that we need to support human rights and justice for all people. We have passed a Minute in support of gay marriage and have taken gay marriages under our care.

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) recognized Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation as a Welcoming Congregation on October 14, 1997. Gay or lesbian persons have been contributing and positive members of the congregation since that date and before. We have also had gay/lesbian members of our Ministerial Search Committee, our Committee on Ministry and our Board and in many other capacities. Most recently our Intern Minister, who has now received preliminary fellowship from the UUA, is lesbian. Our ministers have performed Commitment ceremonies for gay/lesbian couples for at least 10 years. Most recently, by motion on June 10, 2004, the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the congregation, voted to display our support for inclusion of gay and lesbian persons by seeking to participate in this action as *amicus curiae*.

### Pullman-Moscow Friends Meeting

Pullman-Moscow Friends Meeting, a member Meeting of North Pacific Yearly Meeting, holds the historic and central testimony of Friends, that all persons have that of God within them, and are consequently to be valued. This central testimony leads us to oppose violence in all its forms, to seek justice for all, to practice simplicity in our lives, to express integrity in our actions, and to uphold the equality of all people. For these reasons, we have supported the rights of same-sex couples to seek religious marriage under the care of our Meeting in precisely the same way as their opposite-sex counterparts since 1988.

Tacoma Friends Monthly Meeting

Tacoma Friends Monthly Meeting has officially approved identical treatment of homosexual and heterosexual marriages since 1987. We take the position that homosexual couples have the right to legally recognized civil unions and are pleased to have the opportunity to reaffirm this position publicly.

Rainbow Cathedral Metropolitan Community Church

Rainbow Cathedral Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) has been present in Yakima for over ten years. We have celebrated same-sex unions since 1994 and are part of a larger denomination that understands same-sex unions to be spiritual and sacramentally equivalent to marriage. MCC has been performing same-sex unions since 1969 and since the early 1970s in Washington State.

We believe that allowing same-sex marriage for couples is an issue of justice, both in terms of legal equality and in terms of economics. We believe that granting same-sex couples the legal right to marry strengthens our communities and families. It does not take away any of the rights of any heterosexuals, but adds a dimension of stability to all our families.

### University Friends Meeting

University Friends Meeting (UFM), Seattle, Washington, is a Meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of the Religious Society of Friends. UFM decided to marry same-sex couples, according to its regular Quaker practice, in May 1992. UFM also recognizes that marriage is both a religious and civil institution. In 1997 UFM decided to support the legalization of same-sex marriage. This position was taken as a result of listening for Divine guidance and seeking Truth as best we could. Thus we do believe that God desires and accepts fully those couples, heterosexual or homosexual, who make loving commitments towards each other. We take this stand for marriage as a spiritual and personal commitment within a faith community.

### Walla Walla Friends Meeting

Walla Walla Friends Meeting (Quaker) was established in 1980. In 1988, the meeting adopted a statement of its belief in the value of long-term, exclusive relationships between two persons of whatever sex, and its conclusion that the nurturing of thoughtfully considered committed relationships is the essence of what has been have traditionally recognized under the name "marriage," which is both a civil and religious concept. The meeting believes that such a relationship should be afforded respect by the state, and all benefits traditionally associated with the life-long commitment of two individuals in marriage. As a religious body, the Walla Walla Friends Meeting stands ready to recognize and honor such a relationship among its members, and believes it has an obligation to do what it can to assure respect for such a relationship by the state.



### Wallingford United Methodist Church

Founded in 1912, Wallingford United Methodist Church became a Reconciling Congregation in 1984, openly welcoming all people into the full life of the local church, regardless of sexual orientation. A diverse congregation encompassing people of all ages and backgrounds, Wallingford UMC continues to work for full inclusion of sexual minorities into the United Methodist denomination, both regionally and globally

### West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

The West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has a forty-year history of working for justice through civil rights. A primary principle of the Fellowship's theology and faith life is the worth and dignity of all people, regardless of any specific quality, such as race, gender, class or sexual orientation. The Fellowship enjoys the full integration of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people within the congregation, as well as at all levels of leadership. As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Fellowship has joined with the over 1,000 member congregations in adopting a 1996 public witness statement calling for the rights of gay and lesbian couples to obtain civil marriage licenses. Throughout the history of the Fellowship, all of its ministers have proudly performed life-partnership commitment ceremonies for gay and lesbian people.

**APPENDIX B**  
**STATEMENT OF FAITH-BASED SUPPORT**  
**FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**



**STATEMENT OF  
FAITH-BASED SUPPORT  
FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**

**THE UNDERSIGNED:**  
(names of organization for identification purposes only)

We, the undersigned religious leaders of faith-based agencies, communities and congregations in the Greater Puget Sound region, join together to speak with one voice as we advocate for equal civil and legal rights for all couples in the State of Washington. Just as religious leaders before us have spoken to end slavery, and ensure equal rights to all persons regardless of gender or race, so we oppose any legislation that discriminates, in particular, limiting the civil rights of any couple to marry or join in union.

Love is a universal constant spoken of in all religions. To restrict the right of any couple to express their vows of love and form families through marriages or unions is an unconscionable violation of religious freedom. We believe that the government should never act to impose the beliefs of some religions upon others.

We oppose any effort to change the Constitution of the United States to enshrine discrimination into law. We believe that doing so infringes upon the rights of the individual states to regulate marriages. We further believe that, should such an amendment pass, it would violate the spirit of freedom for all people that

- Rev. Amanda Aikman, Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, Kirkland
- Rev. Thomas Anastasi, Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church
- Pastor Shannon Anderson, Central Lutheran Church
- Rev. Jim Anderson, Unitarian Universalist
- Rev. Jan B. Anderson, United Methodist
- Rev. R. Samuel Askew, Sammamish Congregational
- Rev. Barbara Baech, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA
- Rev. Sally Balmer, Prospect Congregational United Church of Christ
- Rev. Tina Maria Barbaro-Polis, Universal Life Church
- Rev. Kay C. Barkley, University Temple United Methodist Church
- Rev. Cathy Barker, Magnolia United Church of Christ
- Rev. Roger W. Barr, Bear Creek United
- Rev. Tamalyn Kralman, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bellingham
- Rev. David Kratz, Fauntleroy Church, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Katie M. Ladd, Woodland Park United Methodist Church
- Rev. Rich Lang, Trinity United Methodist Church
- Rabbi Michael A. Latz, Kol HaNeshamah
- Erynn Rowan Laurie, MARC, Druidic Community
- Rabbi Anson Laytner, Multifaith Works
- Dr. Valerie Lesniak
- Rev. Dr. Kathianne Lewis, Center for Spiritual Living
- Pr. John-Otto Liljenstolpe
- Rev. John S. Lindsay, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Friday Harbor
- Rev. Katy Lloyd, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Randall A. Lord-Wilkinson, St. Paul's

the founders of our nation instilled in us.

We must speak out. We have participated or officiated in unions and marriages of same sex couples, some of us for many years, and have been profoundly moved by the sincere desire for tradition and stability within these families. We have seen how these unions have benefited and built community.

We call upon the Legislature of Washington State to take a stand against discrimination in our state by repealing the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" enacted on February 6, 1998, and adopting legislation that extends equal rights to all couples. Many same sex couples have too long suffered the denial of basic rights that allow determination of medical care, care of children, and inheritance of mutual property. We call upon our legislators to resist any movement to amend the U.S. Constitution to restrict the union of any couple who wishes to marry. We in turn will engage in dialogue, education and direct action within the community to ensure that our voice is heard.

Marriage in our society is under attack, but not by same sex couples. It is undermined instead by spousal and child abuse, the trivialization of commitment, the breakdown of social support systems and the denial of legal recognition of the unions of same sex couples.

We speak for many in our communities who believe that the continued denial of the rights (rites) of marriage and union to same sex couples is a national shame. Our nation claims to stand for freedom and equality for all. We urge you to join us and advance that great tradition.

- Methodist Church
- Rev. Mia Baumgartner, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Rev. Paul Benz, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Rev. Robert Beveridge, Episcopal Church
- Rev. Thomas S. Bigelow, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Rev. Ron Blake, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Jan Bolerjack, Fall City United Methodist Church
- Rabbi Dan Bridge, Hillel Foundation, University of Washington
- Rev. Edward Brock, Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Church
- Jennifer Garrison Brownell, Magnolia UCC
- Rev. Susan Burchfield, Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Rev. Thelma B. Burgonio-Watson, FaithTrust Institute
- Rev. Kenneth Burr, LMFT, Seattle First Baptist Church
- Rev. Heidi N. Calhoun, Newport Presbyterian Church, Bellevue
- Rev. Arthur D. Campbell, United Methodist Church
- Rev. Janet Campbell, St. Mark's Cathedral
- Rev. Jim Carter, Wallingford United Methodist Church
- Rev. Michael T. Clifford, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Rev. Daniel G. Conklin, Epiphany Episcopal Parish, Seattle
- Rev. Monica Corsaro, United Methodist Church
- Rev. Gail Crouch, Bellevue Congregational United Church of Christ
- Rev. Dr. Megan Crouse, United Church of Christ
- Episcopal Church, Bremerton
- Rev. Jon M. Luopa, University Unitarian Church
- Rev. Dr. Peter J. Luton, East Shore Unitarian Church
- Rev. Donald M. Mackenzie, University Congregational United Church of Christ
- Rev. Dr. William L. Malcomson, American Baptist
- Rev. Denise A. Whitesel Mallek, St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- Rev. Penny Matthews, Alki Congregational United Church of Christ
- Carol McKinley, Unitarian Universalist
- Rev. Devin McLachlan, St. Mark's Cathedral
- Rabbi James L. Mirel, Temple B'nai Torah
- Rev. Sharon L. Moe, United Methodist Church
- Rev. Sonya Montana, Community Unitarian Universalist Church, Kennewick
- Willow Moon, HPS, The Illustrated Grove
- Rev. Peg Boyle Morgan, West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Rev. Chris Morton, United Church of Christ
- Rev. James T. Mulligan, Presbyterian Church USA, Seattle Presbytery
- Rev. Monica S. Myers, Northwest Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Ballard
- Helen Bengtson Nash, Elder, Newport Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Gerald S. Nash, Presbyterian Church USA
- Rev. David B Nelson, Plymouth Congregational UCC, Seattle (Ret)
- Rev. Dr. Mark Newton, West Seattle Unitarian

- Rev. Dr. Richard Cunningham, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Pastor Craig Darling, Seattle First Baptist Church
- Rev. Diane Darling, Alki United Church of Christ
- Rt. Rev. Pierre C. Davis, Aquarian Tabernacle Church
- Rev. Tim Devine, St. Paul's United Church of Christ
- Rev. Joan Dennehy, Findlay Street Christian Church, Seattle
- Rev. Peter Drury, All Pilgrims Christian Church
- Rev. Judi Edwards, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Con Edwards, United Church of Christ
- Deb Eichstedt, Unitarian Universalist
- Rev. Dr. Dee Eisenhauer, Eagle Harbor Congregational United Church of Christ
- Rev. Charles Elven, Oak Lake Baptist Church
- Rabbi Cindy G. Enger, FaithTrust Institute
- Rev. Diana Erickson, Presbyterian Church USA
- Rev. Marvin D. Evans, University Unitarian Church of Seattle
- Rabbi Ted Falcon, Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue
- Rabbi Fern Feldman, Kadima Community
- Rabbi David Fine, Union for Reform Judaism, Pacific NW Council
- Rev. Shayne Flowers, All Pilgrims Christian Church
- Rev. Paul L. Forman, Northshore United Church of Christ, Woodinville
- Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, FaithTrust Institute
- Universalist Fellowship
- Rev. Tom Nielsen, American Baptist
- Timothy O'Brien, Dharmachari Amara
- Rev. Jack Olive, University Temple United Methodist Church
- Rev. Eldon Olson, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
- Rev. Sam Osborne, Hagia Sophia Gnostic Church, Seattle
- Genjo Marinello, Osho Dai Bai Zan Cho Bo Ji, Seattle Zen Temple
- Rev. Kris Anderson Ostrem, Plymouth Congregational Church
- Flora Ostrow, Tikvah Chadashah President of Congregation
- Kathleen Peppard, Community for Interfaith Celebration, Olympia Lay Leader
- Rabbi Shifra Weiss Penzias, Temple de Hirsch Sinai
- Rev. Greg Peters, All Saints Episcopal Church, Seattle
- Rev. Carolyn Peterson, First UMC, Olympia
- Rev. Timothy Phillips, University Baptist Church
- Rev. Mark Poole, University Temple United Methodist Church
- Rev. Steven E. Poole, Seattle First United Methodist Church
- Rev. Paul Pruitt, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Dr. Walter B. Pulliam, American Baptist Churches USA
- Rev. Jeanne M. Pupke, Unitarian Universalist
- Rev. Dr. Ann Holmes Redding, St. Mark's Cathedral
- Elder Leon Reed, New Wiccan Church, Seattle Northwest Magus
- Rabbi Phillip Rice, Temple De Hirsch Sinai
- Rabbi Laurie Rice, Congregation Kol Ami
- Rev. Anthony B.

- Rev. Mary Jane Francis, Episcopal Church
- Rev. Catherine Fransson, Seattle First Baptist Church
- Marc Fredson, St. Mark's Cathedral
- Rev. Mark Gallagher Michael Servetus, Unitarian Universalist Church, Vancouver, WA
- Rev. Martha Garrison, Seattle First Baptist Church
- Rev. Nan Geer, Free Church Unitarian, Blaine, WA
- Rev. Richard K. Gibson, Presbyterian Church USA
- Rabbi Mark Glickman
- Rabbi Seth Goldstein, Temple Beth Hatfiloh
- Rev. Deacon Mary Gould, St. Mark's Cathedral
- Rev. Dr. George H. Grant, Harborview Medical Center
- Rev. Kerry Grogan, Lake Washington Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
- Rev. Penelope Guntermann, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Rev. Jo Gustafson, New Creation Community
- Rev. Joy R. Haertig, Richmond Beach United Church of Christ
- Rev. Robert Haertig, Northshore United Church of Christ
- Rev. Gwen Hall, Sojourner Truth Unity Fellowship Church
- Roy A. Hamrick
- Rev. Mary E Hanke, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Rev. William Harper, Grace Church, Bainbridge Island
- Rev. Linda A. Hart, Rainier Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Rev. Vince Hart, Tacoma, First United
- Robinson, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Laurie Rudel, Queen Anne Christian Church
- Rev. Cynthia L. Salo, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
- Lenora M. Sanchez, Unitarian Universalist, Federal Way
- Rabbi Marna Sapsowitz, Olympia
- Rev. Adrienne Schlosser-Hall, Presbytery of Seattle
- Rev. Kempton Segerhammar, Gethsemane Lutheran Church
- Cantor David Serkin-Poole, Temple B'nai Torah
- Rev. Jack Severns, United Methodist Church
- Rev. Muriel Severns, United Methodist Church
- Rev. Edward J. Shields, Dignity Seattle & Multifaith Works/MARC
- Rev. David Shinn, Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle
- Rev. Gary Shoemaker, First Christian Church, Bellingham
- Pastor Jon Short, Mason, United Methodist Church
- Rev. David Shull, University Congregational United Church of Christ
- Jeff Siddiqui, American Muslims of Puget Sound
- Lauren B. Simonds, National Council of Jewish Women
- Rev. Patricia Simpson, Church of Mary Magdalene
- Rabbi Jonathan Singer, Temple Beth Am
- Rabbi Beth Singer, Temple Beth Am
- Rev. Dr. Montgomery Smith, Tacoma First United Methodist Church
- Rev. Tom Sorenson,

- Methodist Church
- Rev. Kathy Hartgraves, Crown Hill United Methodist Church
- Bjoern-Erik Hartsfvang, SeaFire Coven, Wiccan Order of the Northern Lights
- Susan K. Hogan, School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University
- Rev. Dennis Hollinger-Lant, Wayside United Church of Christ, Federal Way
- Rev. Alex Holt Woodinville, Unitarian Universalist Church
- Rev. Dr. C. Leon Hopper, East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue
- Rev. Anne Hulse, Metropolitan Community Church, Seattle
- Rev. John A. Huston, Episcopal Church
- Rev. Randall Hyvonen, United Church of Christ Conference Minister
- Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz, University Congregational United Church of Christ
- Diaconal Minister Peter Jabin, University Temple United Methodist Church
- Rev. E. Michael Jackson, St. Mark's Cathedral retired
- Rev. Richard Jaech, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA
- Rev. Debra Jarvis, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Carol A. Jensen, St. John United Lutheran Church
- Rev. Kathryn Johnson, American Baptist
- Dr. Stephen D. Jones, Seattle First Baptist Church
- Janice E. Jones, Gethsemane Lutheran Referral Center
- Rev. Kizzie E. Jones, Magnolia United Church of Christ
- Rabbi Harley Karz-
- Monroe Congregational United Church of Christ
- Rev. Gary Southerton
- Rev. Jeffrey S. Spencer, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Elizabeth H. Stevens, Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Rev. Daniel K. Stern, Broadview Community United Church of Christ
- Rev. David C. Strong, Community Church of Joy, Seattle
- Stuart Stuple, SeaFire Coven of the Wiccan Order of Northern Lights, Redmond
- Rev. Karen Summers, First Presbyterian Church, Everett Interim Associate Pastor
- Crystal Sygeel, First United Methodist Church, Bellevue
- Rev. Karen B. Taliesin, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center Chaplain
- The Very Reverend Robert V. Taylor, St. Mark's Cathedral
- Rev. Patricia L. Taylor, Episcopal Church
- Rev. Terry Teigen, Admiral Congregational United Church of Christ
- Rev. John Torretta, University Lutheran Church
- Rev. Mark Travis, All Pilgrims Christian Church
- Rev. Murray Trelease, Episcopal Church
- Rev. Nyer Urness, Compass Center
- Rev. Arthur Vaeni, Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Rev. Jean H. Vandergrift, University Christian Church
- Rev. Doris Waggoner, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Susan Wanwig, Compass Center
- Rev. James T. Watson,



- Wagman, Temple Beth Or, Everett
- Rev. Margaret Keip, Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Bremerton
  - Rev. Elizabeth Kit Ketcham, Unitarian Universalist Congregations of Vashon and Whidbey Islands
  - Rev. David Kile, Seattle First Baptist Church
  - Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg, Temple B'nai Torah
  - Rev. Stephen King, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
  - Rev. Kate Kinney, All Saints Episcopal Church, Seattle
  - Rev. Ronald D. Kirstein, American Baptist
  - Rev. Rick Koyle, University Unitarian Church
  - Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Krahn
- United Church of Christ, Mercer Island
- Rev. Dick Weaver, United Church of Christ
  - Rabbi Daniel Weiner, Temple de Hirsch-Sinai
  - Rabbi Zari M. Weiss
  - Rev. Mark Edward Williams, Woodland Park United Methodist Church
  - Rev. Jack W. Wilson, Presbyterian Church USA
  - Fr. Robert Withrow, St. Aelred's Parish, Tacoma, Apostolic Catholic Church in America
  - Rev. Melvin R. Woodworth, First United Methodist Church, Bellevue
  - David R. Wright, Presbytery of Seattle