



**Integrity** USA  
Working for the full inclusion of all the baptized in all the sacraments.



## AN INVITATION TO BECOME A PROUD PARISH PARTNER

### The Organization

Today, **Integrity is the leading grassroots voice for the full inclusion of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) persons in the Episcopal Church.** Founded in 1974 by Dr. Louie Crew, Integrity has grown to become an organization with members across the country--LGBT and straight, clergy and laity, rural and urban, in congregations large and small. Integrity fulfills a key uniting role, seeking to bring together congregations who share the vision of a church in which **all people are welcomed and valued as equal members in the Body of Christ.**

*What does Integrity do?*

- **Seeks equal access to all the sacraments by all the baptized in the Episcopal Church.** This includes working for the ordination of qualified LGBT clergy and the blessing of same-gender relationships.
- **Offers a multi-faceted ministry** of worship, fellowship, education, and service projects across the country through chapters, diocesan networks, and congregational circles;
- **Conducts local evangelistic outreach to the LGBT community,** resulting in the return to church life of many LGBT people who were previously estranged from the Episcopal Church and other denominations.

### The Challenge

**It is clear that this Episcopal Church we love and serve is at a great crossroads in its history.**

The issue of sexuality has been one that has generated great debate within The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion for decades now. The church needs to resolve this issue in order to realize its potential as a vital and

*Welcoming all  
to Christ's table!*



growing spiritual community in the 21st Century. It will accomplish this not only through the legislative initiatives at General Convention but also **through grassroots efforts of congregations of good will who want the church to move past this controversy and forward to new ministry and growth.**

## The Opportunity

**We are sharing this message with all congregations that enjoy a reputation for being open to all and caring about issues of inclusiveness and justice.** Working together we can achieve the vision of a fully inclusive church that is truly welcoming to all.

## The Invitation

**We invite your congregation to join forces with Integrity as a Proud Parish Partner (P3).**

**Becoming a P3 will put you in the grassroots loop** as we work toward 2009 General Convention and beyond.

*What are some of the benefits of becoming an Integrity P3?*

- Through an annual contribution to Integrity, **you will provide crucial and tangible support** to this largely volunteer ministry;
- **You will be listed** on Integrity's website and in our print publications, including a link to your parish website (if you have one).
- **You are encouraged** to identify yourself as an Integrity partner in your own publications and will be provided means by which to do so easily;
- **You will gain access** to a wide variety of educational and other resources available only to our partners;
- Integrity will welcome **your active participation** in the ongoing ministry of the organization;
- Integrity will **share stories and suggestions** among partner churches on topics of mutual interest;
- You will receive a subscription to our quarterly "Integrity InfoLetter" and an opportunity to receive updates through the "Walking With Integrity" blog and e-mail list.
- Partner churches **will encourage their members** to join Integrity as individuals in order to extend our mutual reach;
- Most importantly, **you are joining and taking part in a movement** that is helping the whole Episcopal Church live into the ministry of all the baptized.

## The Response

**Please respond to this call today.** You will be joining the voice of your congregation to others of like mind, increasing the strength of our outward and visible witness to the inward and spiritual grace of the inclusive love of the God, the love that knows no strangers and welcomes all into the Body of Christ.

**Complete the enclosed form and return to Integrity's national office, along with your initial partnership dues.** Your congregation will receive a Certificate of Partnership, along with other helpful membership materials in the mail shortly.

**Please feel free to contact Bruce Colburn in our office with any questions:**  
**Integrity USA**  
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**PROUD PARISH PARTNER RESPONSE FORM**

We support Integrity’s mission and wish to become an official Integrity partner.

**Congregation Information**

Name of Congregation/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese of Congregation/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person *(for Integrity use only, will not be listed)* \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address *(if different from above)* \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Page/URL \_\_\_\_\_

Here is our contribution of:

\$5000     \$1000     \$500     \$250     \$100

Enclosed is my check for the amount marked above.

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Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name As It Appears on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Senior Clergy Person *(required)*  
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Mail your completed and signed form--along with your check **made payable to Integrity** to:

Integrity, 620 Park Avenue #311, Rochester, NY 14607-2943

*Thanks for your support!*