
**A RESPONSIVE READING BASED ON THE
*OPEN LETTER TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON
SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY***

We are grateful for the gift of our lives and the gift of others in our lives.

Each of us is created with dignity and worth.

We are called to love each other and to do nothing to others that we would find hateful to ourselves.

We honor the many ways that people live and love.

We repent for the times when our faith traditions have named lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people unworthy.

Love does not exclude. We are all worthy.

We suffer when LGBT persons are oppressed, excluded and shamed by religious people who overlook the fundamental call to justice in our scriptures.

True justice flourishes when we can live with authenticity and integrity.

May we work to build a community where LGBT people are celebrated as full and equal members, recognizing their many gifts.

We celebrate sexual and gender diversity as a blessing that enriches us all.