You can bring our award-winning photo-text exhibits to your house of worship and your denominational gatherings. Our diversity exhibits present a powerful argument for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their families in faith communities. Our goal is for the exhibits to help end religion-based bigotry and prejudice.

Many houses of worship throughout the United States have used these exhibits as the focus for dialogue and education during the process of becoming Welcoming & Affirming congregations. Showing an exhibit is a way to publicly demonstrate your commitment to inclusion. Other groups use the exhibits to support equal rights legislation within a denomination struggling with GLBT issues.

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opportunity to reflect

“… our overwhelming thanks for allowing our Episcopal Church to host In Our Family. It was a truly powerful experience to be surrounded by the richness and beauty of the photo exhibit. It provided the opportunity for our community to reflect, with gratitude, upon the diversity of our own community and to appreciate the true meaning and beauty of family, in all its many configurations. It has helped us to reflect on our church’s mission to be a place of acceptance and welcoming for everyone.”

—Reverend Brett Brumbaugh, Church of the Epiphany, East Providence, RI

overcoming prejudice

“We have been looking for ways to educate ourselves about overcoming prejudice … and we have been looking for ways to let the wider community know that one of our ideas as a congregation is to become truly welcoming to all. Your photo exhibit, Love Makes A Family was an important step for us in that journey.”

—Linda Lamb, First United Methodist Church, Corvallis, OR

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families features diverse families with gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender adults, dads and moms, grandparents, and teens. Together, the words and images make visible, in a positive way, the love and caring in these families. This exhibit contributes to the process of dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and homophobia, thus making the world a safer place for all people. (Also available in book form published by University of Massachusetts Press)

IN OUR FAMILY: Portraits of All Kinds of Families celebrates all kinds of families including multi-generational, immigrant, blended, adoptive, foster, multiracial, lesbian and gay-parented, interfaith, single-parented, or families with members who are physically or mentally challenged. This exhibit is a valuable resource and catalyst for anti-bias education for young people and adults. (Curriculum and resource guide available with activities for all ages, as well as staff training modules)

Pioneering Voices: Portraits of Transgender People includes photographs and interviews with people of all ages who are transgender, and some of their partners and children. Through first-person accounts and positive images, this exhibit seeks to challenge damaging myths and stereotypes about transgender people, and to educate people about this marginalized and often invisible group of people.

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