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*The Presbytery of Utah:  
Building Healthy and Joyful  
Congregations in Utah.*

## “Not Opposed but United: A Statement on Pride and Fidelity”

The Presbytery of Utah, as part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), affirms with joy and conviction that June is Pride Month. We hold that Pride Month does not contradict or stand in opposition to fidelity; rather, it expresses it. Fidelity, rightly understood, is a steadfast faithfulness rooted not in fear or exclusion, but in the boundless love of God revealed in Jesus Christ—and in that love, Pride and Fidelity walk hand in hand.

In a time when public words and policies are dividing or diminishing, we renew our commitment to a vision of fidelity grounded in Scripture and shaped by the Reformed tradition: a fidelity that is covenantal, inclusive, and life-giving. God’s very own nature is fidelity.

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God, who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him” (Deuteronomy 7:9).

We affirm that fidelity is a universal virtue shared across identities, orientations, and traditions. It is not owned by any political or religious group, nor diminished by diversity. It is lived daily by LGBTQ+ individuals, people of color, people of faith, and all who contribute with integrity to the well-being of our communities. Fidelity is also communal. The Church is called to embody mutual care, accountability, and hospitality.

The Church is a covenant community shaped by the Holy Spirit. Our fidelity is expressed not through uniformity, but through **unity in diversity**, where differing voices are honored and held together in love.

Thus, fidelity for us is not withdrawal from the world, but deeper engagement with it—seeking justice, practicing compassion, and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

In response to public discourse that may seek to define fidelity narrowly or in ways that exclude, we affirm the steadfast commitment of LGBTQ+ Utahns, whose fidelity to authenticity, family, and community strengthens the social fabric of our state and nation.

During Pride Month and throughout the year, we celebrate the fidelity expressed through love, justice, and inclusion. Diversity does not weaken fidelity. It deepens it and reveals its fullest expression, reminding us that commitment is strongest when it embraces the breadth of human experience.

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We call upon leaders and community members across Utah to uphold these values with clarity, compassion, and unity. Fidelity grows when we honor one another, and our communities flourish when every person is welcomed in truth and dignity.

“Let all that you do be done in love” (1 Corinthians 16:14).

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