

## East Longmeadow United Methodist Church Statement of Inclusion

As we recognize the value in each other,  
we recognize God.

We embrace God's good gift of diversity  
and believe all persons are of sacred worth.  
Therefore, we welcome people of every age,

race,  
ethnicity,  
gender identity,  
sexual orientation,  
socio-economic condition,  
family structure,  
and physical or mental ability

into the full participation of this congregation.

We are called by God to raise the level of hope  
for those who have been marginalized  
and singled out for exclusion,

including our gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender sisters and brothers.

Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us  
to participate in reconciling and justice ministries  
so that we might truly open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

