

Scripture and Marriage Equality: Resources

2006 Colloquy resource materials



10 Things Clergy Can Do to Build Support for Equal Marriage Rights for Same-Sex Couples

– Equal Rights Washington* (ERW) and the Religious Coalition for Equality (RCE)

1. Give a sermon on same-sex marriage rights and/or GLBT families. Send a copy of your sermon to the RCE and ERW.
2. Visit your state representatives and senator (bring others with you, congregants, recently married gay or straight couples, friends, family). Or, invite your legislators to meet with you and others at your home. Contact ERW Advocacy director Josh Friedes.
3. Submit testimony in support of marriage equality. Ask your congregants to do the same. Go to the the Equal Rights Washington website to submit your testimony: <http://equalrightswashington.dbdes.com/?story=1>

To see stories already posted go to: <http://equalrightswashington.dbdes.com/>

4. Have an information table at your house of worship. Collect postcards that ERW can give to legislators and have bumper stickers so that people can show their public support for marriage equality. Contact ERW or RCE for materials.
5. Link to ERW's Legislative Get Active Take Action Page:
http://eqfed.org/campaign/I_Support_Marriage_Equality

Or, go to <http://www.religiouscoalition-wa.org/help.htm>, so that your congregants can contact legislators in support of marriage equality.

6. Put an article in your congregation's newsletter.
7. Write a letter to the editor or in opinion piece in your local paper. Send copies to ERW and RCE.
8. Have an educational and/or organizing meeting on same-sex marriage rights. Contact RCE or ERW for speakers and movies.
9. Ask other clergy to sign the religious declaration in support of marriage equality.
10. Put a freedom to marry banner outside your house of worship.

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