



"All God's Children" is a work group under the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of Detroit. We are committed to helping our denomination better understand the importance of offering a fully inclusive welcome to All of God's Children, especially our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) brothers and sisters. In addition, we provide outreach to the LGBT community, to share the depth of God's unconditional love for those who have been hurt by the rhetoric of so many faith communities.

We fully understand how divisive the differing theology regarding homosexuality has been over the years and how many in our denomination, whose conscience does not allow them to even explore other authoritative interpretations of scripture that differ from their own, are tired of the debates. We are greatly saddened when we hear of congregations who are so distraught over the changes in our denomination that they feel their only recourse is to break away. I imagine God must also be grieved to see our diverse faiths and individual relationships with Christ, so often become a rock of offense rather than bringing unity. Our group exists, not to perpetuate continued division, but to bring reconciliation and foster a much needed, healthier dialogue; loving conversations that are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit who desires all of us to love one another as God has loved us.

Elyse Kittrakis, the chair of All God's Children, is available to meet with any group or individual in your church to aid in open, respectful, loving exploration of gender, orientation, and being a Christian who remains faithful to the authority of scripture. Based on her own personal experience and using a variety of resources, all are invited to engage in conversation, even if you are apprehensive, or feeling angry and distraught over recent changes in our denomination.

To contact Elyse and arrange a meeting to help facilitate such dialogue, please phone her at 248-721-1209 or email her at [elysek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elysek@sbcglobal.net).

In addition, All God's Children meets once a month, usually on the 3rd Sunday at 5:00 pm for fellowship, potluck, and business planning of how our group can best serve the community. We typically meet in fellowship hall at the back of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Southfield, located at 21575 W 10 Mile Rd, Southfield, MI 48075-6112. Anyone is welcome, however, we recommend they call Elyse beforehand, to make sure that they are meeting that month and at the Southfield location. We would love to meet you and support you in any way we can.

In Christ's Service,

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