

The ICON Coalition Continues to Grow

The *Interfaith Coalition on Nondiscrimination* (ICON) recently welcomed three additional congregations as Sustaining Organization Members. They include:

- [Temple Israel](#), Gary
- [Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis](#)
- [Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Hendricks County](#), Danville

Twenty-three organizations now make up and guide the work of this unique interfaith coalition in Indiana—the largest of its kind in the mid-west. These organizations represent eleven different faith traditions. Each member organization sends a delegate to an annual membership meeting to review activities, approve the annual budget, set organizational goals, and elect the Board of Directors.

The members of ICON believe that lasting progress toward justice for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) Hoosiers is not possible without a faith-based alternative to the religious right.

Controversial issues like GLBT Civil Rights, Family Recognition, and Bias-crimes Legislation continue to be used by Indiana leaders of the right as a smokescreen for dividing people of faith and distracting communities of faith from essential discussion of vital issues. These leaders are often given attention disproportionate to the cultural embrace of their views.

Today, the political voice of fair-minded people of faith is being heard louder than ever before. Indiana politicians are beginning to realize that the well-oiled anti-GLBT lobby does not represent most Hoosiers or even most people of faith.

ICON is a member organization of congregations, religious organizations, and individuals who believe in the fair treatment of GLBT people in both faith communities and in the civil rights of Indiana. It is the only organization in Indiana with a full-time employee dedicated to GLBT Justice Issues.

For a complete listing of ICON Sustaining Organization Members and links to their available websites, | [click here](#) |.

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