

RECONCILING WORKS
Lutherans for Full Participation
RECONCILING IN CHRIST



A Christian Ministry Affirming God's Love for All People of All
Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities

An Affirmation of Welcome to

FIRST EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH/ELCA
441 NE Third Avenue/Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

As members of the church, the body of Christ, we are each called to be ministers of reconciliation both in the church and in the world. Through our baptism we are reconciled to God through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. As redeemed children of God, Jesus calls us to lives of reconciliation, wholeness, integrity and authenticity. We are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing and love within our church and society.

We affirm with the Apostle Paul that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Gal. 3:28). Christ has made us one body with many members, equal at the foot of the cross and at Christ's Eucharistic Table of blessing and promise. God's extravagant welcome is sure.

Therefore, as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fort Lauderdale (ELCA) extends a genuine invitation of acceptance and full inclusion to:

People of every age, color, class, social status, and ethnic origin;
People of all sexual orientations and gender identities;
People who are widowed, single, married, divorced, separated,
blessed by civil union or partnered;
People who are able-bodied, disabled, or of differing mental abilities.

As a reconciling congregation, we ask our Loving God, the giver of life and all creation, to guide our efforts in working out our ministry of reconciliation in the Fort Lauderdale community, always seeking to follow in the pathway of Jesus Christ in Whom, as redeemed sinners, we are all one.

(adopted by the Church Council on 08 July 2012)