

**DRAFT Affirming vision statement in support of the LGBTQI2S+ community
Prairie to Pine Regional Council of The United Church of Canada
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Prairie to Pine, a Regional Council of The United Church of Canada, is called to offer an open door, an open heart, an open mind and an open hand.

An open door is evidence of the belief that all people are created in God's image and are unconditionally loved by the Creator.

An open heart follows Jesus' teachings to love one another. We extend that love to all, inclusive of their ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or any other human division.

An open mind calls us to continue working for justice, dignity, and the full inclusion of everyone in all aspects of the church community and society.

An open hand is a symbol of our work towards reconciliation as Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples, and our call to live into the intercultural global community.

We recognize the unique and diverse Communities of Faith and recognize we are at varying levels of development and capacities.