

The Inclusive Louisiana committee is happy to report an active year of events online to proclaim the love of Christ to all of our neighbors since last year's Diocesan Convention. We hosted an online conversation with 75 people with Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz Weber about her life and how the LGBT community has impacted her life and ministry. On March 21, Miss Richfield 1981 hosted an Inclusive Louisiana "Bingo Bonanza!" with comedy, songs, games, engagement with special guests from the virtual audience....and of course, BINGO for 50 persons. On March 27, Inclusive Louisiana joined the Sexual Diversity Ministry of the Anglican Church of El Salvador for virtual reflection, prayer, and conversation about the experiences of LGBT people in El Salvador and around the world. We shared in solidarity and celebration with our siblings as we discussed their work to address the risks LGBT people face when kicked out of their homes in El Salvador and we helped them raise money (\$1,100) for the Santa Marta Center for LGBT Youth and Young Adults. In May, a representative from Inclusive Louisiana testified before a Louisiana Education Legislative hearing to ask them not to support youth anti-trans legislation. In October, to honor National Coming OUT Day, Inclusive Louisiana hosted a virtual tour of the Castro neighborhood of San Francisco with Kathy Amendola. Her tour shared over 70 years of LGBT activism in San Francisco. We learned how the Castro became the largest LGBT community globally, continuing to advocate for human rights and positive social changes. Throughout the year we respond to emails that come to us from people wanting to know more about our ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. Work continues on the parish level to ensure that ALL Are Welcome in the Episcopal Church.

Inclusive Louisiana is an organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender [LGBT] Episcopalians and our straight friends. Its mission is to inspire and equip the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, its congregations and members, to proclaim and embody God's all-inclusive love for LGBT persons and those who love them. You can contact us by emailing us at inclusivelouisiana@edola.org.

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