

An Accompaniment to

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE-WIDE RESPONSE TO BULLYING



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The ONA Ministry Team in Massachusetts has:

Offered at 3 workshops and training sessions on prevention and response to bullying at Super Saturdays during 2018-2019.

Posted articles and materials from workshops on the ONA page of the MACUCC website: macucc.org/lgbt. These include a sampling of resources and experiences to assist local churches in educating their congregations and communities on bullying, and tools to change systems that perpetuate bullying.

A SAMPLING of RESOURCES on BULLYING ONA Ministry Team - Massachusetts

READERS THEATER/WORKSHOP

Just Peace Players justpeaceplayers.org Contact Rev. Dr Fran Bogle fbog@aol.com
Sticks and Stones, a play about bullying, appropriate for all ages, used as a free-standing presentation or a full worship service. Additional resources available from Just Peace Players.

ORGANIZATIONS

MARC Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center at Bridgewater State University
stopbullyingnow.com Research based positive approaches to social development, parent and faculty trainings, community groups

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

Trainings for personnel in schools, colleges and other youth serving organizations; climate assessment tools <https://barcc.org/help/services/training>

stopbullying.gov

Information on state laws, school trainings, prevention; helpful video on changing bystanders to upstanders at <https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/bystanders-to-bullying/index.html>

True Colors ourtruecolors.org

Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services, CT

On-site and traveling workshops, trainings, mentor program and resources

SAFEKIDS.COM safekids.com/bullying-cyberbullying-resources

Digital citizenship, online safety and civility

The Tyler Clementi Foundation tylerclementi.org

Information and awareness, how to be an *Upstander* when bullying happens; Upstander Pledge <https://tylerclementi.org/pledge/>; #Day 1: Stop Bullying Today <https://tylerclementi.org/day1/>; *True Faith Doesn't Bully* <https://tylerclementi.org/true-faith/>;

PFLAG pflag.org

Locate area chapters pflag.org/find-a-chapter

Advice from staff; speakers for programs tailored to your topic needs, e.g. bullying prevention, responses, first person stories of surviving bullying

Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ

openandaffirming.org/issues/bullying-and-suicide - helpful links for all aspects of making safe communities for LGBTQ youth

Download these resources produced by Lutherans Concerned/North America:

Where All Can Safely Live - bullying curriculum is an introduction to what bullying is, how it functions, and why we as Christians are called to prevent it from happening in our communities; and

Where Hands Can Reach - devotions, personal stories, and theological reflections on bullying

Institute for Welcoming Resources welcomingresources.org/bullying.xml

Resources on bullying and hate crimes include books, curricula, films

Video resources at <http://www.welcomingresources.org/videos.htm>

GLSEN (Gay/Lesbian/Straight Education Network) glsen.org

Anti-bullying curriculum; Information on special event days: "No Name-Calling Week," "Day of Silence," "Ally Week"; how to start a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at your school; creating social change

The Bully Project thebullyproject.com

Curriculum resources, tools for parents, teachers, youth and children, the film "Bully"

CAPS - Child Abuse Prevention Services (Long Island)

General Information for youth, parents, educators; hotline <https://capsli.org>

WEBSITES ON WORKPLACE BULLYING

Workplace Bullying Institute

<http://www.workplacebullying.org/individuals/problem/definition/>

VeryWell Mind Workplace Bullying

<https://www.verywellmind.com/workplace-bullying-4157204>

RESOURCES FROM THE UCC

“Bullying: What Can We Do to Stop It?” http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_what-can-we-do-to-stop

"Bullying Is a Form of Abuse: Help Stop Bullying!" by Jan Resseger, UCC JWM Minister for Public Education and Witness http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_bullying-is-a-form-of-abuse

"What Is Bullying?" Short 2-page resource for use in workshops
http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/1590/bullying-nye.pdf?1418425026

“Bullying: A Theological Reflection” by Ann Hanson, Former UCC JWM Minister for Sexuality Education and Justice, UCC http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_bullying-a-theological

"Using Language to Abuse" by Rev. Loey Powell, Minister and Co-Team Leader, Justice and Witness Ministries http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_using-language-to-abuse

VIDEO RESOURCES

* All videos should be previewed, monitored during showing and followed by facilitated discussion

Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History Southern Poverty Law Center
<https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/film-kits/bullied-a-student-a-school-and-a-case-that-made-history>

“Let’s Get Real” Taunting and Bullying
<https://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/lets-get-real>
You Tube: Let’s Get Real 10 min version
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4llx7mNi7o>
Also available on Kanopy

“Straight-laced: How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up”
<https://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced>

“Puzzles: When Hate Came to Town”
New Day Films <https://www.newday.com/film/puzzles> - story of attack in a New Bedford, MA, gay bar and the community’s recovery and reconnection

Great! Schools
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/best-viral-antibullying-videos/>

BOOKS

My Princess Boy: A Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Loves to Dress Up, Kilodavis, Cheryl.
A heart-warming book about unconditional love and one remarkable family. It is also a call for tolerance and an end to bullying and judgments. The world is a brighter place when we accept everyone for who they are. Ages 4-8.

And a Child, Poorman, J. Kelly. FICTION: Two brave and compassionate high school students form a gay/straight alliance to protect their friends. They encounter resistance, intolerance and ignorance. The strength of their friendship gives them the courage they need to see their plans realized, so that every student—gay, straight, bisexual, transgender, and those disenfranchised in any way—can enjoy a safe, caring environment.

MASSACHUSETTS UCC RESOURCE

Rev. Ellie Richardson, Associate Conference Minister for Lay and Clergy Leadership Development, oversees conferences policies about safe church and will consult with churches or groups of churches by phone or Zoom.

MASSACHUSETTS BULLYING LAW - <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter71/Section37O>

Bullying is illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each school district, charter school, approved private day or residential school and collaborative school must have a bullying plan in place. “Each plan shall recognize that certain students may be more vulnerable to becoming a target of bullying or harassment based on actual or perceived differentiating characteristics, including race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, socioeconomic status, homelessness, academic status, gender identity or expression, physical appearance, pregnant or parenting status, sexual orientation, mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability or by association with a person who has or is perceived to have 1 or more of these characteristics.”

All 50 states have some form of bullying law pertaining to schools.

List of resources curated by the Open and Affirming Ministry Team of the Connecticut and Massachusetts Conferences, UCC - Revisions March - August 2019