GALILEO CHURCH IN THE NEWS FOR LGBTQIA+ INCLUSIVITY EFFORTS

We wrote a resolution titled "GA 1929: An Invitation to Education For Welcoming and

Receiving the Gifts of Transgender and Gender-Diverse People" (which you can read <u>here</u>) that was passed at the most recent Disciples of Christ General Assembly. This in part inspired Dr. Michael Miller, the Executive Vice President and Dean of Brite Divinity School, to write an essay about spirituality, inclusivity, and hospitality. This essay was published in the fall 2019 issue of the Disciples Home



Missions newsletter *Disciples Advocate*. Check it out <u>here!</u>



Churchclarity.com is establishing a new standard for clearly communicated policies regarding LGBTQ+ inclusion in all churches. "Ambiguity is harmful, and clarity is reasonable," they say, and we agree. <u>Galileo Church is "verified clear"</u> in our complete inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in the life of the church. We baptize, marry, hire, and ordain LGBTQ+ persons, and we have LGBTQ+ persons on our pastoral staff and serving as lay leaders. Woohoo!



Medium.com named "100 Awesome Churches" and <u>we made the list</u>. Qualifications for the list were: "spiritually-enriching community, vibrant worship, social justice warriors, fully LGBTQinclusive, actively invite people into Christian identity/belonging." We're honored. And always working on it.

Disciples **7 LGBTQ+** Alliance

The Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance asked us to say what we have learned about ministry to and with LGBTQ+ people. <u>You can</u> <u>read</u> what lead evangelist Katie Hays said about that.

Fort Worth Weekly named "church" as the critic's choice for "Best Place to Meet Someone of the Same Sex." And they named Galileo as one of the churches where one could do

that. That's a first for us...





Galileo Church has been featured in *Relevant Magazine* as one of "4 Churches Changing Everything" (May/June 2015). Take a look at the whole issue <u>here</u>.

