Diocese of Atlanta Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry 2024

The Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry had another year of notable ministry. We participated in the annual Atlanta Pride celebrations, which attracted more than 250,000 participants from across the country, as a community sponsor, elevating our presence in marketing materials. The Commission also sponsored Macon Pride and participated in Atlanta Black Pride. It was a joy to see our commission members and local participants marching in parades in ongoing support of our LGBTQ+ siblings.

The diocesan Pride Eucharist was held at St. Luke's Atlanta with over 200 guests in attendance. This year's guest preacher was Holle Tubbs, who brought a word on love in this moment in our history.

Our primary focus remains on updating our list of affirming churches in our Diocese as we build up the Commission for the work ahead. If you feel called to this crucial ministry, please reach out to our co-chairs at <u>lgbtqministries.dioatl@gmail.com</u>.

We continue to strive to walk with our parishes as they become advocates for inclusivity throughout our Diocese. We continue to partner with worshipping communities, youth and college ministries, and other partners to ensure that all LGBTQ+ people in our diocese have the opportunity to be fully recognized and accepted in our Diocese.

Our work is not done. Our mission is to safeguard the well-being of individuals within our communities as they seek to offer solace and validation to all LGBTQ+ people. We look forward to another year!

Respectfully submitted,

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