



What is it?

The Affirmative Inter-Faith Alliance (AIFA) is a student-led organization committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful space for spiritual exploration, personal development, dialogue, and collaboration across all religious and spiritual identities.

What's our purpose?

Our mission is to affirm all people regardless of identity while building a shared understanding of different faiths and promoting holistic well-being across the student body.

Who's it for?

The AIFA **welcomes all people, regardless of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, faith, disability, or age**, to participate and worship together in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

What are our goals?

- **Provide support for students navigating religious identity alongside other marginalized identities, primarily but not exclusively focused on students who identify as LGBTQIA+.**
- Create a safe and inclusive space for students of all faiths and identities to engage in interfaith dialogue, community-building, and shared worship opportunities.
- Promote religious literacy and cross-cultural understanding through forums, guest speakers, dialogue groups, and collaborative events with local affirming faith communities.
- Support student wellbeing by partnering with existing campus organizations and resources to host programming focused on mental health, spiritual resilience, and mindfulness.
- Build community outreach through collaboration with affirming congregations and existing affirming organizations that share our values of inclusion.
- At the heart of the Affirmative Inter-Faith Alliance is the belief that true belonging in a faith community means being fully seen, accepted, and affirmed, without compromising one's identity

Where can I find out more?

If you would like more information, are part of an existing organization and would like to collaborate, or are interested in joining, contact us at aifasiue@outlook.com, or follow us on Instagram @ [aifa.siue](https://www.instagram.com/aifa.siue)