



The Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC) and Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. call the PC(USA) to stand with transgender, nonbinary, and LGBTQIA+ youth and their families.

As a Matthew 25 denomination, the PC(USA) is compelled to celebrate and support transgender and nonbinary youth and their parents within our denomination and beyond. The rash of transphobic and homophobic legislation being introduced and passed across the United States stands in direct opposition to our call to care for those held down by systemic discrimination and oppression. LGBTQIA+ youth are 4 times more likely to seriously consider suicide, to make a plan for suicide, and to attempt suicide than their cisgender, heterosexual peers. They cannot afford for us to remain silent.

From Texas, to Florida, to Kentucky and beyond, we have seen government officials making false and dangerous claims about gender-affirming healthcare for youth as well as threatening honest and potentially life-saving education for LGBTQIA+ youth in our schools. We cannot stand by as legislation is put in place to withhold that which we know has the capacity to not only honor their lived reality, but ultimately to save the lives of LGBTQIA+ youth.

The Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns and Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc. are proud to belong to a denomination that celebrates gender diversity, recognizing that each person is a unique and beautiful reflection of the very image of our Creator.

We urge all Presbyterians to act immediately to:

1. Educate yourself about the challenges faced by transgender, nonbinary, and gender-nonconforming youth
2. Advocate for access to life-saving medical care as well as support for LGBTQIA+ kids in school systems.
3. Inform yourself about anti-trans legislation in your state, and contact your local government officials to let them know why your faith demands you speak up
4. Preach or ask your pastor to preach on God's radical and abundant love for transgender kids and the call of Jesus to each of us stand and act with those most in need of that transformative love.

Learn more:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/well-chosen-words/>

<https://www.txtranskids.org/>

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Track local legislation: <https://freedomforallamericans.org/legislative-tracker/medical-care-bans/>

The importance of gender-affirming healthcare for transgender kids: [The Journal of the American Medical Association](#)

For parents: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/gradeschool/Pages/Gender-Diverse-Transgender-Children.aspx>