



## **Open and Affirming (ONA) Statement (Adopted 2013)**

The Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC, is called to follow Jesus' way of love, justice and inclusion. We do this by:

- facing issues of faith openly and honestly
- nourishing the spirit of God within us all
- creating a caring community that celebrates human diversity
- respecting the wisdom of other religious traditions
- working with others to create a just society
- promoting the sustainable and equitable use of the earth's resources

To that end we receive with respect, and nurture with intention, the gifts of all who come to us on the journey of faith. We invite everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, physical or mental challenges, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, to join us in the life and leadership of our congregation, and in our ongoing commitment as an Open and Affirming Congregation.