

LGBTQIA+ ICONS

JUNE IS LESBIAN, GAY,
BISEXUAL,
TRANSGENDER, QUEER,
AND INTERSEX
(LGBTQIA+) MONTH.

THIS MONTH IS A TIME
OF CELEBRATION, BUT
ALSO RECOGNITION OF
THOSE WHO HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE
JOURNEY TOWARD
EQUALITY, JUSTICE,
AND THE FREEDOM TO
LOVE WITHOUT FEAR.

EACH DAY OF THIS
MONTH WE WILL BE
SPOTLIGHTING ONE OF
THE PEOPLE WHO HAS
TAKEN A STAND IN THE
STRUGGLE TOWARD
INCLUSION AND
ACCEPTANCE FOR ALL.

CREATED WITH LOVE BY ZOEY BOST,
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARSHA P. JOHNSON (TRANSGENDER ACTIVIST)

Pride



1945-1992

"NO PRIDE FOR
SOME OF US
WITHOUT
LIBERATION FOR
ALL OF US."

PROTECT
OUR
Trans
SIBLINGS

"HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT TAKEN
PEOPLE TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE ALL
BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND HUMAN
BEINGS IN THE HUMAN RACE?"

HARVEY MILK

(FIRST OPENLY GAY
ELECTED POLITICIAN IN
AMERICA)



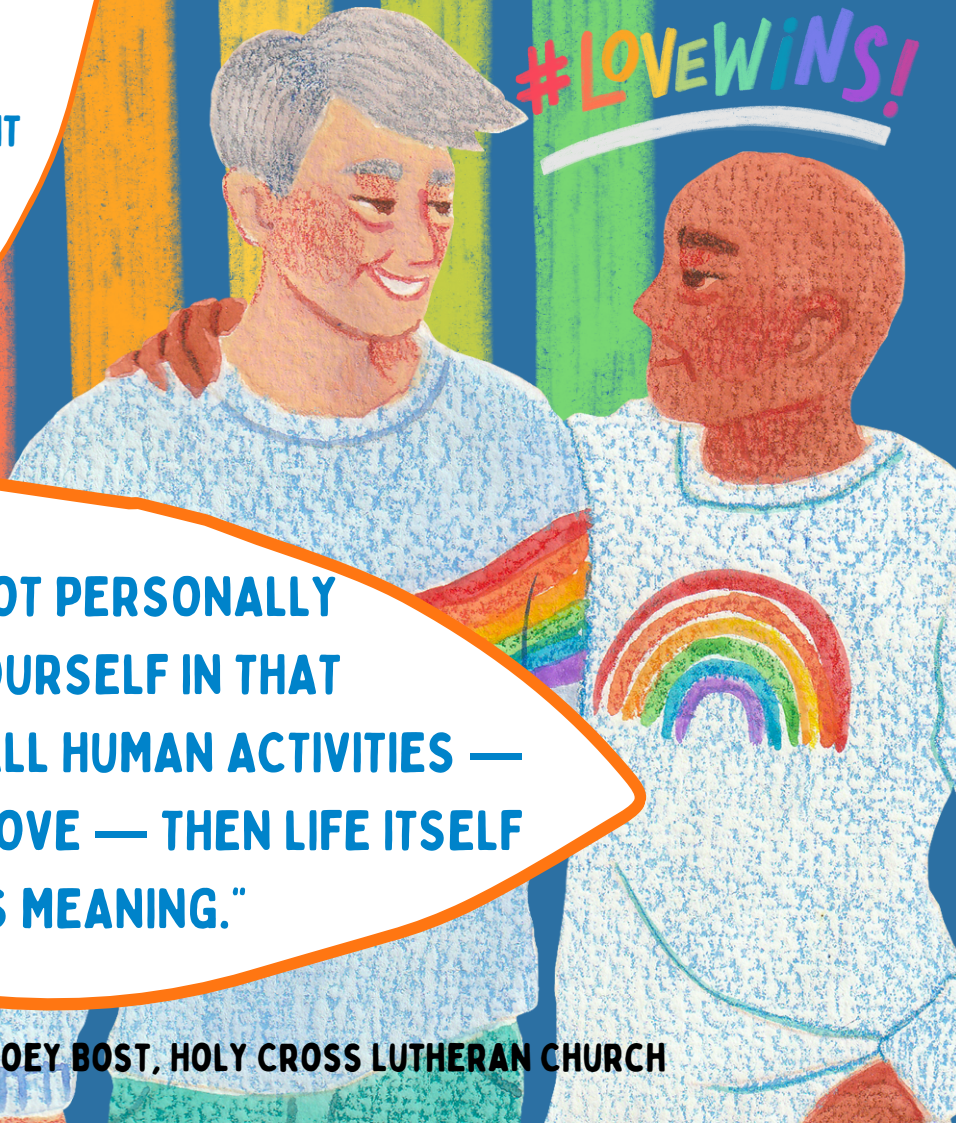
PRIDE!

1930-1978

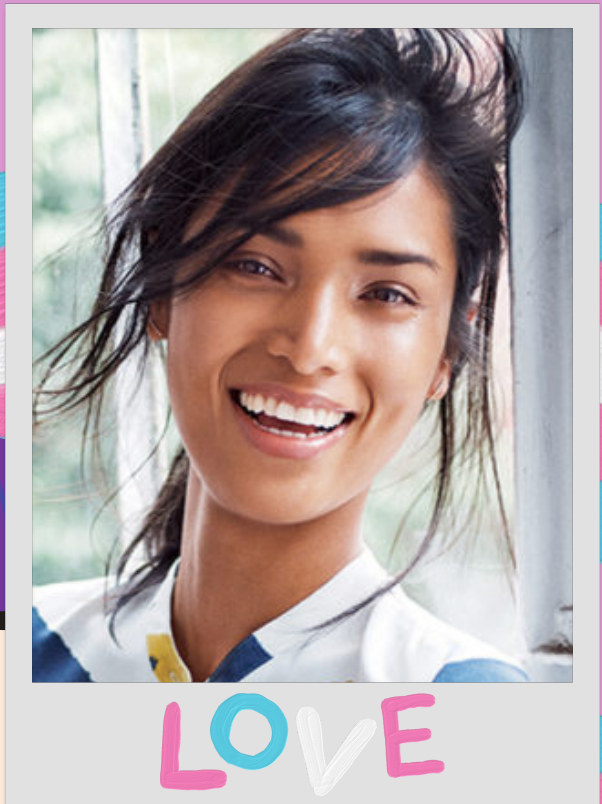
"IT TAKES NO
COMPROMISE TO GIVE
PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTS. IT
TAKES NO MONEY TO
RESPECT THE INDIVIDUAL. IT
TAKES NO SURVEY TO
REMOVE
REPRESSIONS."

"IF YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY
FREE TO BE YOURSELF IN THAT
MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL HUMAN ACTIVITIES —
THE EXPRESSION OF LOVE — THEN LIFE ITSELF
LOSES ITS MEANING."

#LOVEWINS!



"I WANT EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT TRANSGENDER WOMEN ARE WOMEN"



**GEENA
ROCERO**
(TRANSGENDER MODEL AND
ACTIVIST)

"WE ARE ALL ASSIGNED A GENDER AT BIRTH. SOMETIMES THAT ASSIGNMENT DOESN'T MATCH OUR INNER TRUTH, AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A NEW PLACE – A PLACE FOR SELF-IDENTIFICATION."

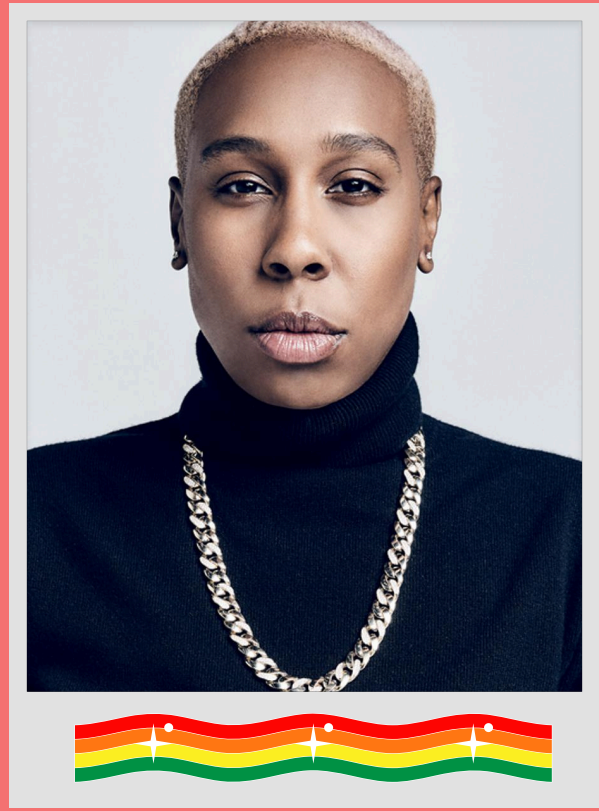
"BEING BORN GAY, BLACK, AND FEMALE IS NOT A REVOLUTIONARY ACT.

BEING PROUD TO BE A GAY BLACK FEMALE IS."



LENA WAITHE

(AWARD-WINNING WRITER, CREATOR,
PRODUCER, ACTOR, AND CEO)



"THE THINGS THAT MAKE US DIFFERENT, THOSE ARE OUR
SUPERPOWERS — EVERY DAY WHEN YOU WALK OUT THE
DOOR AND PUT ON YOUR IMAGINARY CAPE AND GO OUT
THERE AND CONQUER THE WORLD BECAUSE THE WORLD
WOULD NOT BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS IT IS IF WE WEREN'T IN
IT."

ALICE NKOM

(CAMEROONIAN LAWYER AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST)



Acceptance

"SOMEBODY HAS TO DO THIS WORK. I AM BLACK, I AM A WOMAN, AND I AM A LAWYER, AND I SPEAK LOUD."



"WHEN YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING THAT IS RIGHT, YOU JUST DO IT AND TAKE CARE ... SOMEONE HAS TO DO THIS."

"WE HAVE TO BE VISIBLE. WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF WHO WE ARE."



SYLVIA

RIVERA

**(AMERICAN GAY
LIBERATION AND GAY
RIGHTS ACTIVIST)**

**" I HAVE BEEN BEATEN. I HAVE HAD MY NOSE
BROKEN. I HAVE BEEN THROWN IN JAIL. I HAVE LOST
MY JOB. I HAVE LOST MY APARTMENT FOR GAY
LIBERATION AND YOU ALL TREAT ME THIS WAY?... I
DO NOT BELIEVE IN A REVOLUTION, BUT YOU ALL DO.
I BELIEVE IN THE GAY POWER. I BELIEVE IN US
GETTING OUR RIGHTS, OR ELSE I WOULD NOT BE OUT
THERE FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS."**

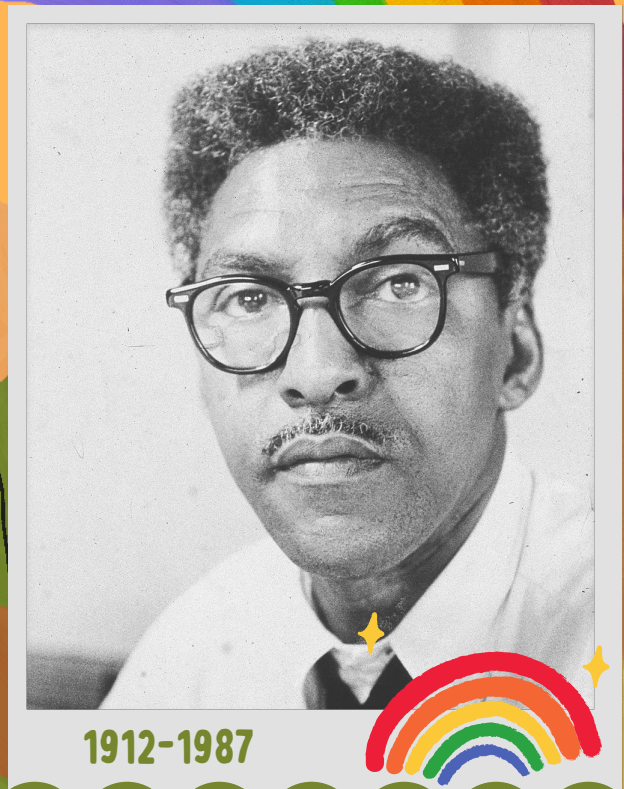
**LOVE IS ALL
THAT MATTERS**

"GOD DOES NOT REQUIRE US TO ACHIEVE ANY OF THE GOOD TASKS THAT HUMANITY MUST PURSUE. WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF US IS THAT WE NOT STOP TRYING."



BAYARD RUSTIN

(AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST)



"IF WE DESIRE A SOCIETY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, THEN WE MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANYONE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THIS SOCIETY. IF WE DESIRE A SOCIETY THAT IS DEMOCRATIC, THEN DEMOCRACY MUST BECOME A MEANS AS WELL AS AN END."

BARBARA GITTINGS

(LGBT+ ACTIVIST)

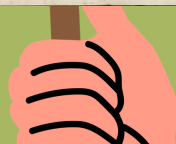


"EQUALITY
MEANS MORE THAN
PASSING LAWS. THE
STRUGGLE IS REALLY
WON IN THE HEARTS
AND MINDS OF THE
COMMUNITY, WHERE
IT REALLY
COUNTS."

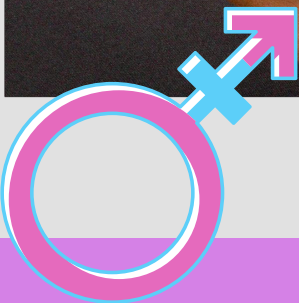
1932-2007

♥ EXIST LOUDLY ♥

SEXUAL PREFERENCE
IS
IRRELEVANT
TO
FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT



"BELIEVING YOU ARE UNWORTHY OF LOVE AND BELONGING — THAT WHO YOU ARE AUTHENTICALLY IS A SIN OR IS WRONG — IS DEADLY. WHO YOU ARE IS BEAUTIFUL AND AMAZING."



LAVERNE COX

(ACTRESS, DOCUMENTARY FILM PRODUCER, AND EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCATE)

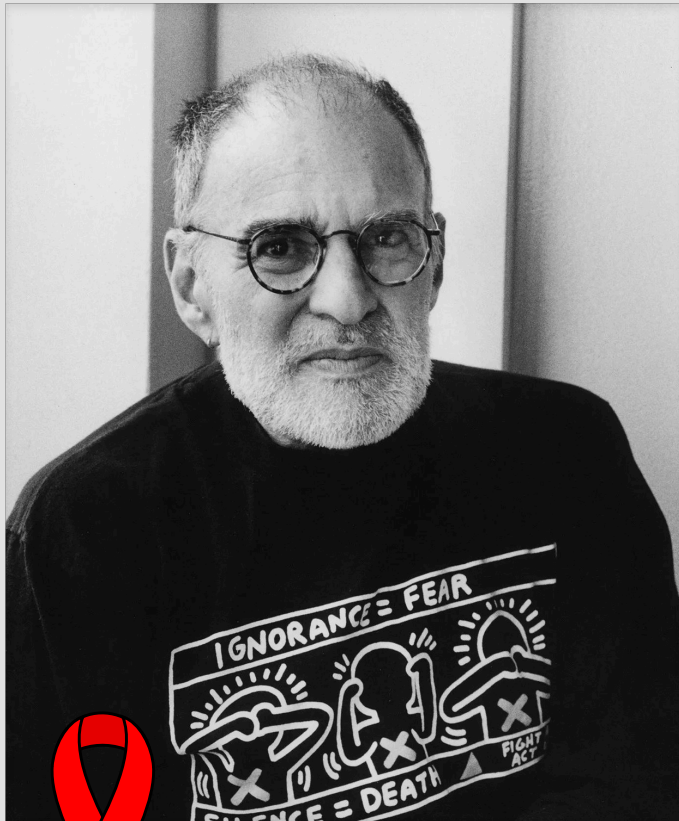


"BEYOND TRUTH AND TRANS, ONE OF THE BIG TS FOR ME WOULD PROBABLY BE TRYING BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY WE CAN THINK WHATEVER, BUT IT'S LIKE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? BECAUSE AS LONG AS WE'RE TRYING, I THINK THAT GOES A LONG WAY. "



LARRY KRAMER

(PLAYWRIGHT, AUTHOR, FILM
PRODUCER, PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE,
AND GAY RIGHTS ACTIVIST)



"THIS IS ALWAYS
HISTORY'S
GREATEST FAILURE,
ITS INABILITY TO
BELIEVE WHAT IT
SEES, WHAT, ALMOST
ALWAYS, SOMEONE
SEES."

"BEING GAY IS A NATURAL NORMAL BEAUTIFUL VARIATION ON BEING HUMAN. PERIOD. END OF SUBJECT. THEREFORE, ANY ARGUMENT WHICH SAYS DIFFERENTLY IS AN IMMORAL SUPREMACIST ONE. CALL IT OUT AS SUCH ... BE OUTRAGED, OFFENDED, ANGRY AND INTOLERANT OF ANY DISCUSSION OR ANY ONE WHO DESCRIBES YOU AS UNEQUAL, UNDESERVING OR UNNATURAL FOR BEING JUST AS YOU ARE."

"IT IS NOT OUR DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE US. IT IS OUR INABILITY TO RECOGNIZE, ACCEPT AND CELEBRATE THOSE DIFFERENCES."

AUDRE LORDE

**(WRITER, WOMANIST, LIBRARIAN,
LGBTQ+ AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST)**



1934-1992



"THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SINGLE-ISSUE STRUGGLE, BECAUSE WE DO NOT LEAD SINGLE-ISSUE LIVES. OUR STRUGGLES ARE PARTICULAR, BUT WE ARE NOT ALONE. WHAT WE MUST DO IS COMMIT OURSELVES TO SOME FUTURE THAT CAN INCLUDE EACH OTHER AND TO WORK TOWARD THAT FUTURE WITH THE PARTICULAR STRENGTHS OF OUR INDIVIDUAL IDENTITIES."

"AS A PASTOR, I TRY TO TEACH PEOPLE THAT DIFFERENCES ARE NOT A THREAT, BECAUSE PEOPLE OFTEN BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING THAT IS NOT IN THEIR OWN VOCABULARY, THAT IS NOT PART OF THEIR REALITY, SHOULD BE SEEN AS A THREAT AND, THEREFORE, COMBATED."

**ALEXYA
SALVADOR**
(TEACHER AND
REVEREND)



**TRANS RIGHTS
are
HUMAN RIGHTS**

"THERE'S NOTHING THAT BINDS CHRIST TO ANY CHURCH OR TO ANY PERSON. WHEN I TALK ABOUT CHRIST, I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THE JESUS OF THE PEOPLE, THE JESUS WHO WALKED WITH THOSE WHO NOBODY WANTED TO WALK WITH. AND THIS CHRIST ALSO WANTED TO WALK WITH ME."

SAMEER JHA

(STANFORD STUDENT, LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST, AND AUTHOR)



**"YOU DON'T START OUT CHANGING THE WORLD.
YOU START OUT MAKING SMALL CHANGES. EVEN
WITHIN YOURSELF. EDUCATING YOURSELF IS
ALREADY HELPING PEOPLE AROUND YOU. SMALL
CHANGES ARE IMPORTANT.**

CREATED WITH LOVE BY ZOHEY BOST, HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Love is never wrong



**ARSHAM
PARSI
(LGBTQ+
ACTIVIST)**

"I AM VERY, VERY OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN PEOPLE POWER. WE HAVE AN EXPRESSION IN FARSI THAT YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT IF YOU JUST DECIDE TO. I HAVE DECIDED TO BRING CHANGE TO IRAN AND DECRIMINALISE HOMOSEXUALITY. IT WILL HAPPEN, BECAUSE HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS, QUEER RIGHTS, ARE HUMAN RIGHTS AND I'LL GET MY RIGHTS BACK. RIGHTS ARE NEVER GIVEN; WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THEM. AND I AM FIGHTING."

● **"WHAT KIND OF INTERSECTIONALITY DO YOU PRACTISE THAT DOES NOT SEE THE OPPRESSION OF OTHERS? I AM NOT INTERESTED IN A SYSTEM OF HIERARCHY. I AM INTERESTED IN A SYSTEM WHERE WE ARE EQUAL."** ●



**BEVERLEY
PALESA
DITSIE**

**(MUSICIAN, WRITER,
FILMMAKER, AND HUMAN
RIGHTS ACTIVIST)**

"NO ONE HAS THE AUTHORITY, MORAL OR OTHERWISE, TO DISCRIMINATE OR TO HARM ANYBODY BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR GENDER EXPRESSION. ONCE WE CONNECT TO THIS, WE CAN BEGIN OUR JOURNEY OF SELF LOVE THAT WILL ALLOW OURSELVES TO THEN EXPRESS LOVE TO EACH OTHER."

PHYLL OPOKU-GYIMAH
(HUMAN RIGHTS AND
LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST)



Love is love

**"WE ARE NOT LIVING IN
SOME IDEAL WORLD,
WHERE WE ALL HAVE
THE RIGHTS THAT WE
DESERVE. SO PRIDE IS
MUCH MORE THAN
JUST A CELEBRATION."**

**"I WOULD GO BACK TO MY YOUNGER SELF AT THE AGE OF NINE
OR TEN AND I WOULD SAY: YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL BLACK GIRL
THAT WILL GROW UP TO DO SO MUCH THAT WILL ACTUALLY
CHANGE THE WORLD. DON'T LET THEM TELL YOU BECAUSE
YOU ARE BIG THAT YOU'RE NOT WORTHY, THAT BECAUSE
YOU'RE DARK SKINNED THAT YOUR SKIN IS UGLY."**

"MARRIAGE IS A MAGIC WORD. AND IT IS MAGIC THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR DIGNITY AS HUMAN BEINGS, TO BE WHO WE ARE OPENLY."

1929-2017

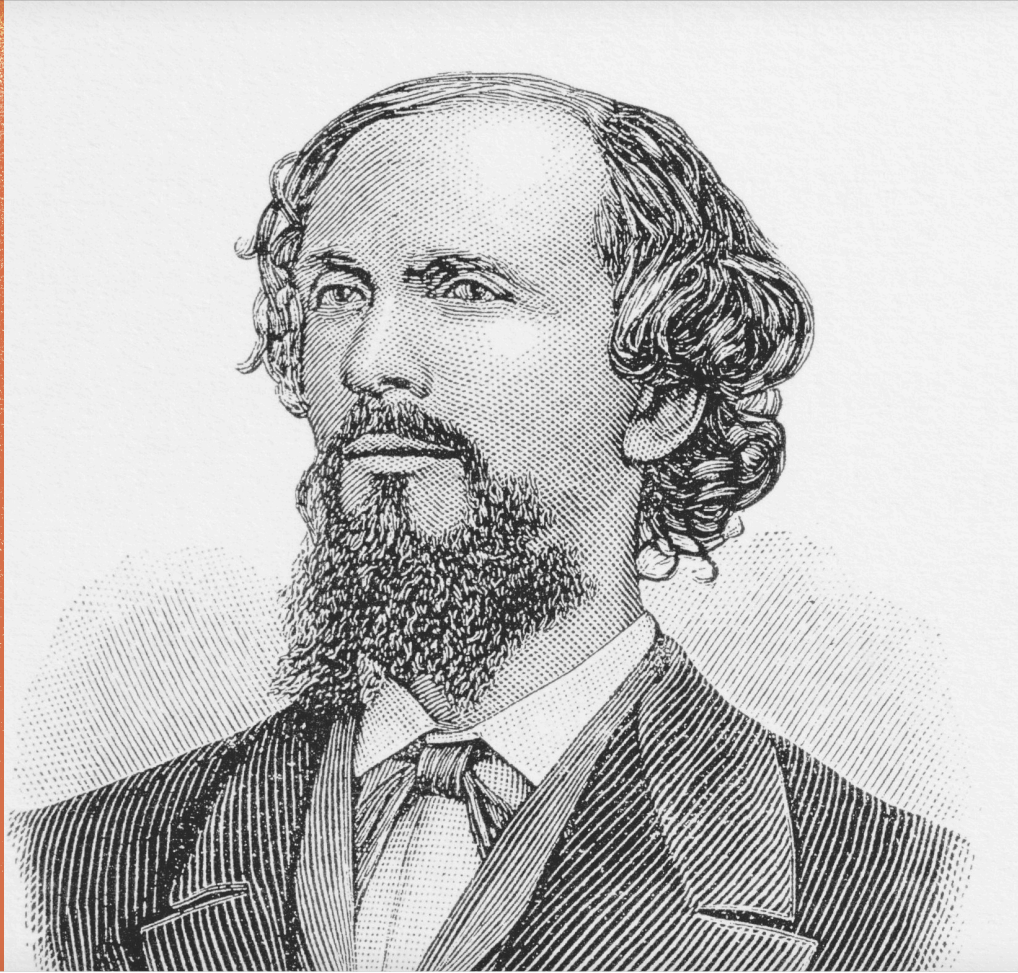
**EDITH
WINDSOR
(LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST)**



"I NEVER EXPECTED I'D BE LOOKING AT A PIECE OF PAPER THAT SAID WINDSOR VERSUS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA... IT TAKES A LOT OF GUTS TO STAND UP AND LET PEOPLE KNOW-PEOPLE YOU'VE LIED TO MUCH OF YOUR LIFE-THAT NOT ONLY ARE YOU A LESBIAN, BUT YOU'RE A LESBIAN FIGHTING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

CREATED WITH LOVE BY ZOEY BOST, HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

"I MAY HAVE A BEARD, AND MANLY LIMBS AND BODY, YET CONFINED BY THESE, I AM AND REMAIN A WOMAN."



1825

**KARL HEINRICH ULRICHS
(LAWYER AND JOURNALIST)**

1895

"SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS A RIGHT ESTABLISHED BY NATURE. LEGISLATORS HAVE NO RIGHT TO VETO NATURE: NO RIGHT TO PERSECUTE NATURE IN THE COURSE OF ITS WORK; NO RIGHT TO TORTURE LIVING CREATURES."

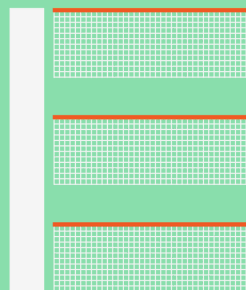
BILLIE JEAN KING

(AMERICAN TENNIS
PLAYER)

"EQUITY IS NOT A
WOMEN'S ISSUE, A
LGBTQ+ ISSUE OR A
MINORITY ISSUE IT'S
EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY.
NONE OF US IS AS
STRONG AS ALL OF US
ARE TOGETHER."



EVER SINCE THAT DAY WHEN
I WAS 11 YEARS OLD, AND I
WASN'T ALLOWED IN A
PHOTO BECAUSE I WASN'T
WEARING A TENNIS SKIRT, I
KNEW THAT I WANTED TO
CHANGE THE SPORT.



JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

(WRITER, PROFESSOR,
AND LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST)



"I HAVE A DIFFERENT THEORY, WHICH IS EVEN MORE HAREBRAINED. IT GOES LIKE THIS: MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL JUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER, EVEN IF WE DON'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE BEAR IN THEIR DARK, STRANGE HEARTS, EVEN IF THE STARS THAT OTHER MEN AND WOMEN ARE FOLLOWING SEEM INVISIBLE TO US. IF WE MAKE OURSELVES OPEN TO THE HUMANITY OF OTHERS FIRST, MAYBE UNDERSTANDING WILL FOLLOW. AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE THEORY OF THE UNIVERSE ISN'T NECESSARY IF YOUR ONLY AMBITION IS TO EMBRACE ANOTHER SOUL. WHAT YOU NEED, MAYBE ALL YOU NEED, IN FACT, IS THE WILLINGNESS TO LOVE."

"WITH DISCRIMINATION THERE CAN BE NO HALF MEASURES. EQUALITY CAN'T BE DOLED OUT IN FITS AND STARTS."

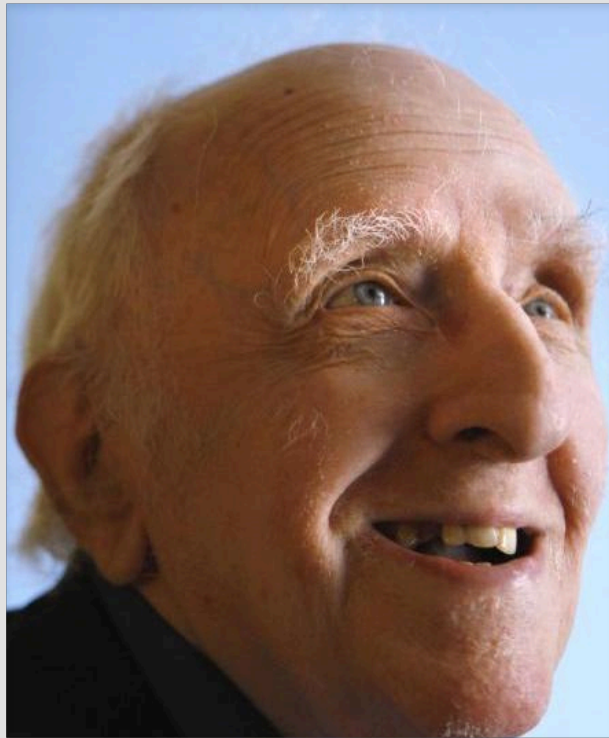


**JAMES DALE
(GAY RIGHTS
ACTIVIST)**



"COMING OUT IS OFTEN A DIFFICULT PROCESS. IT'S A JOURNEY, BUT IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO BE TRUE TO YOURSELF AND BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE."

**FRANK (LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST
KAMENY AND ASTRONOMER)**



"GAY IS GOOD."

"THE GOVERNMENT THEN PUT ITS DISQUALIFICATION OF GAYS UNDER THE RUBRIC OF IMMORAL CONDUCT. THE WORD SIMPLY DOES NOT BELONG IN ANY ISSUANCE IN THIS COUNTRY. MORALITY IS A MATTER OF PERSONAL OPINION AND INDIVIDUAL BELIEF ON WHICH ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN MAY HOLD ANY VIEW HE WISHES AND UPON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO POWER OR AUTHORITY TO HAVE ANY VIEW AT ALL."

**BLAKE
BROCKINGTON
(LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST)**



1996-2015

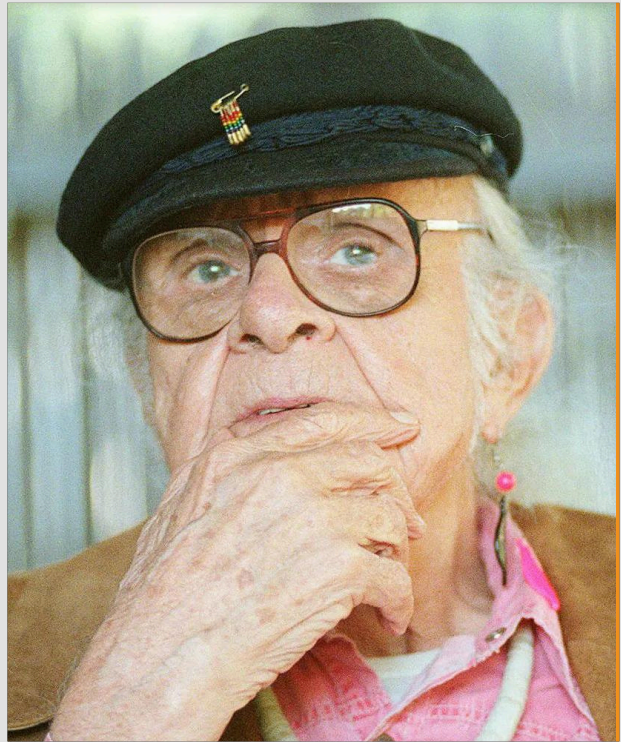
" I'M STILL A PERSON. TRANS PEOPLE ARE STILL PEOPLE. OUR BODIES JUST DON'T MATCH WHAT'S UP (IN OUR HEADS). WE NEED SUPPORT, NOT PEOPLE LOOKING DOWN AT US OR DEGRADING US OR OVERLOOKING US."

"WE HAVE TO ADDRESS ALL THESE PROBLEMS AT ONCE – MISOGYNY, PATRIARCHY, LGBT ISSUES, RACE ISSUES. WE HAVE TO ADDRESS EVERYTHING AT ONCE IF WE PLAN TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM AT ALL."

"I ALWAYS SAY TO PEOPLE, "IF YOU SHARE MY DREAM, WHY DON'T WE WALK TOGETHER?" AND THAT'S MY ONLY ORGANIZING TOOL."

HENRY "HARRY" HAY JR.

(LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST AND
LABOR ORGANIZER)



#LOVEWINS

1912-2002

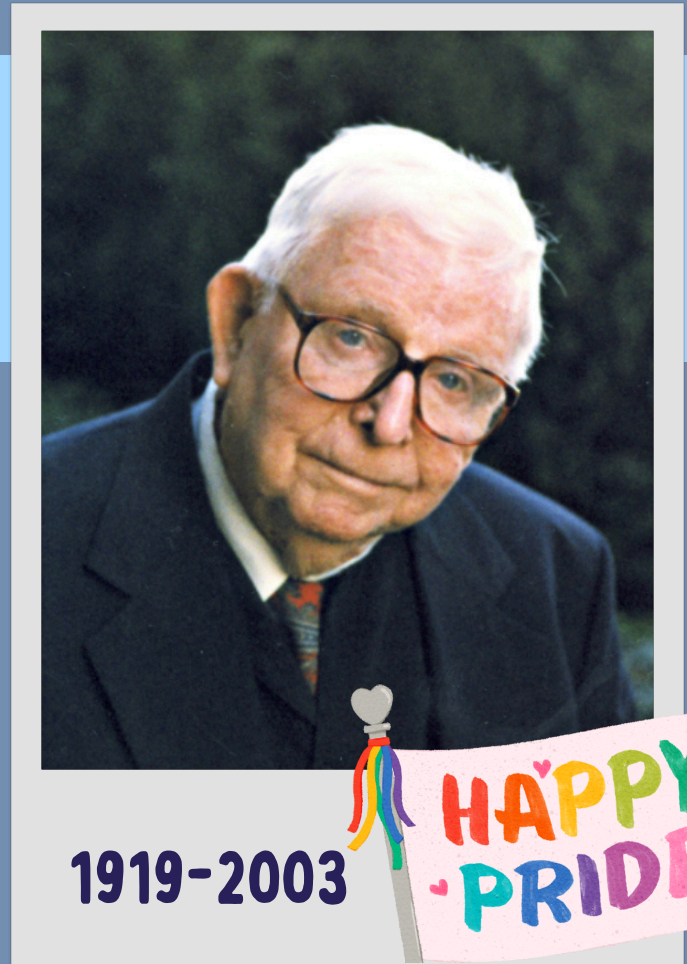
"GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO ENJOY BEING GAY. YOU DO HAVE TO GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION. YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD YOU MAY NOT. GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO BE FREE."



"SO MARCHED WE DID, WITH BUTTERFLIES IN OUR STOMACHS, WITH LEGITIMATE DOUBTS AND FEARS, BUT WITH ENORMOUS COURAGE AND DEVOTION."

MORRIS KIGHT

(LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST)



1919-2003

**HAPPY
PRIDE**

"THINK OF YOURSELF AS BEING: I'M BEING OK, I'M BEING GOOD, I'M BEING GAY. BUILD ON THAT AND THROUGH THAT WE'RE BUILDING A COMMUNITY. IT'S NOT PERFECT, BUT WE CAN GET THERE."

CREATED WITH LOVE BY ZOEY BOST, HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

"THIS IS WHY HOMOPHOBIA IS A TERRIBLE EVIL: IT DISGUISES ITSELF AS CONCERN WHILE IT IS INHERENTLY HATE."

(YOUTUBER, LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST, AND AUTHOR)

MATHEW TYLER OAKLEY



"THE ONLY CONSTANT YOU HAVE FROM POINT A, YOUR BIRTH TO POINT B, YOUR DEATH IS YOU. THERE IS NO POINT IN CHANGING WHO YOU ARE TO APPEASE OTHERS WHEN THEY'RE GONNA LEAVE YOUR LIFE. LOVE YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S STUCK WITH YOURSELF. FALL IN LOVE WITH WHO YOU ARE AND IF ANYBODY WANTS TO JOIN IN ON THAT, MORE POWER TO THEM."

**" IF GOD LOVES ME, THEN GOD HAS TO LOVE OTHER
GAY PEOPLE TOO."**

TROY PERRY
**(MINISTER AND
LGBTQ+
ACTIVIST)**



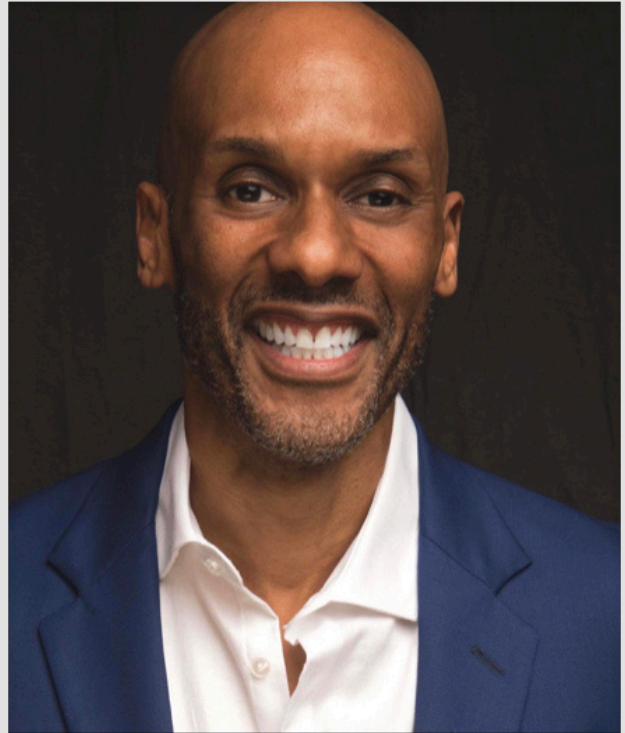
♥ ACCEPTANCE ♥



**"THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE TO FIGHT FOR
WHAT IS RIGHT, AND YOU HAVE TO FIGHT IN THEIR
FACE. I SAY THAT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WE CAN'T
BACK AWAY FROM BEING WHO WE ARE."**

KEITH BOYKIN

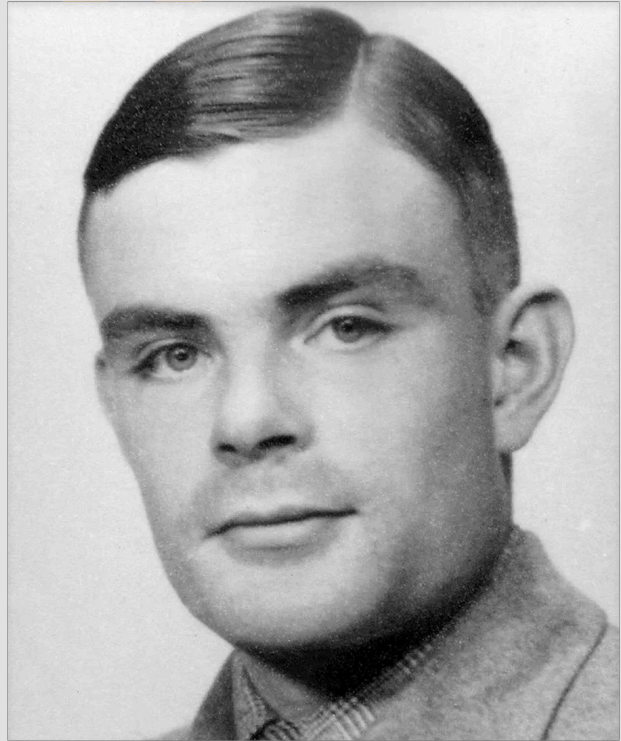
(JOURNALIST, AUTHOR,
AND LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST)



"IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO BE WHO WE ARE, BUT AS WE GROW UP AND MATURE AND DEVELOP COPING MECHANISMS THAT ENABLE US TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN A COMPLICATED WORLD, WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REACH BACK AND HELP OTHERS STILL STRUGGLING ALONG THE WAY. IN SO DOING, WE CAN ALSO HELP OURSELVES. ABOVE ALL, WE CANNOT ALLOW EACH GENERATION TO GROW UP IN A WORLD WHERE THEY FEEL THEY ARE ALONE WHILE WE CARRY SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE, HISTORY, AND FOUNDATION THAT WE CAN, AND MUST, PASS ON TO THEM."

ALAN TURING

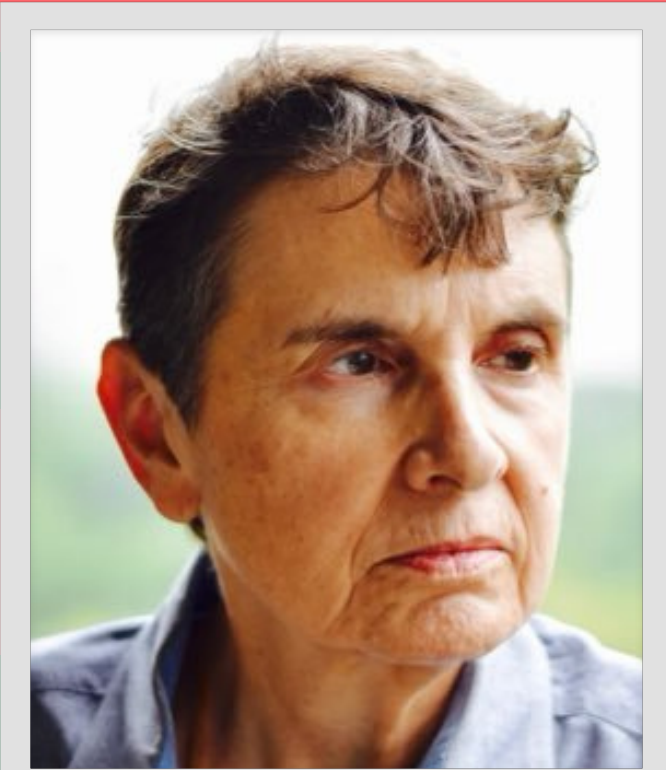
(MATHEMATICIAN
AND LOGICIAN)
1912-1954



"WE CAN ONLY SEE A SHORT DISTANCE AHEAD, BUT WE CAN SEE PLENTY THERE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE."

"SOMETIMES IT IS THE PEOPLE NO ONE CAN IMAGINE ANYTHING OF WHO DO THE THINGS NO ONE CAN IMAGINE."

**"WE THOUGHT, WE'RE HERE, WE'RE
QUEER, GET USED TO IT."**



KARLA JAY
**(LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST,
AUTHOR, AND PROFESSOR)**

◆ **PRIDE** ◆



**"I TOLD NO ONE I WENT TO COLLEGE WITH THAT I WAS
A LESBIAN, I NEVER TOLD ANYONE. I THINK THAT WAS
WHAT THE 60'S WERE LIKE FOR MANY OF US—WE
GREW UP IN SILENCE AND ISOLATION."**