

PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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EVENT ADVISORY – THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH / VALENTINE'S DAY– 11:30 AM

**Re-Imagining Valentine's Day
Prince Georges County Pastor Takes Stand for Marriage Equality**

ADELPHI, Md – The Rev. Diane Teichert, minister of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, will announce her pledge to forgo signing Maryland marriage licenses until they are available to same-sex couples, on Valentine's Day as part of National Standing On The Side of Love Day.

“Valentine's Day is about more than romance and chocolates, it's about the transforming power of love in our lives, and so we are re-imagining a Valentine's Day when gay couples can be open about their romances and commitments, and even marry in Maryland,” Rev. Teichert said.

Members of the congregation will show their support of marriage equality by gathering in front of a 4 by 12 foot Standing On The Side of Love banner, assembled in the shape of a rainbow wearing shirts of rainbow colors. A rainbow is widely recognized as a symbol of welcome for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Standing on the Side of Love is an interfaith campaign sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association that promotes respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We believe that no person of any immigrant status, race, religion, gender and sexual orientation, ability level or political view should be dehumanized through acts of exclusion, oppression, or violence.

WHO: Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church & Standing on The Side of Love Day
WHAT: Pastor refuses to sign Maryland marriage licenses
WHERE: 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783
(between Riggs and Cherry Hill Roads, off of I-95 Exit 29B West (MD 212))
WHEN: Sunday, February 14th, 2010 at 11:30 am
CONTACT: OPEN PRESS – RSVP to Rev. Teichert at minister@pbuuc.org

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