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Father Kevin Johnson of Saint Alban's Episcopal Church greets a guest at the IFC's fundraiser at Legal Brew Draft House in Arlington.

## Inclusive Faith Coalition of Arlington Continues to Grow

After a massively successful first fundraiser, LGBTQ-affirming faith organization adds two new members.

Arlington, TX: September 22, 2017 – The Inclusive Faith Coalition of Arlington (IFC) is proud to add First Congregational Church (FCC) located in Fort Worth and Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church (AUUC) to its roster of participating congregations. FCC

and AUUC join five other faith organizations from Arlington and surrounding areas already associated with the IFC.

The IFC was founded in summer of 2017 to amplify the voices of faith communities (synagogues, mosques, churches, etc.) that value and practice full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people. "This organization is all about creating a network of faith organizations to show the LGBTQ+ community that God's love is for everybody", said founding member and Lead Evangelist at Galileo Church in Mansfield, Rev. Dr. Katie Hays. "We especially felt it was important to do something in the current political climate."

Since the formation of the IFC this past summer, it's been busy. Representatives of the IFC testified before the Texas Senate committee in opposition to discriminatory and dangerous "bathroom bills"; they established a website; and they held a successful fundraiser and happy hour at Legal Draft Brew House in Arlington. The IFC is planning more events for the next few months including "Be Your Own Body Guard: Free Self-Defense for LGBTQ+ Persons" in November and an Ally Training workshop in the first months of 2018.

## IFC Current Membership:

- Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington
- Embrace United Church of Christ, Richland Hills
- First Congregational Church, Fort Worth
- Galileo Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mansfield/Kennedale
- Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, Arlington
- Welcome Table Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Arlington
- Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA), Arlington

For more information about the IFC, visit <a href="http://inclusivefaithcoalition.org/">http://inclusivefaithcoalition.org/</a> or contact Ryan Felber, Evangelist for Youngsters and Public Provocation at Galileo Church in Mansfield, at 817-688-5897 / ryandfelber@gmail.com.