## March 2025: Outreach and Social Justice Bulletin

## PIE DAY March 14, 2025 ~ PUBLIC ~ INTENTIONAL ~ EXPLICIT

Why Pi? Love is a circle. It's irrational, inclusive, and infinite. And we're delighted to add an Affirming twist to International Pi Day celebrations on 3.14, March 14, every year.
Public: Public = Being out and proud! Especially in religious contexts, it's not the norm for queer folks to truly know and feel that they will be embraced exactly as they are.
Intentional: Intentional = Putting thought and resources into action! Many people and groups, the church included, assume that gender and sexual diversity are now fully accepted, so "special" efforts are no longer needed. This sadly isn't true. Society has come a long way, but there is a long way to go, and churches have inherited centuries of transphobic and homophobic oppression carried out in the name of God/the Gospel.
Explicit: Explicit = Not Having to Wonder! Church should be a place of wonder, not a place where you have to wonder whether you will belong or not. This is why explicitly naming and Affirming queerness and queer folks is so important. There is a power in a name, especially when LGBTQIA+ names have for centuries been used as insults, and Two Spirit identities have been violently oppressed and suppressed by Christianity and colonization.

## What is the purpose of global recycling day?

Global Recycling Day is an annual event celebrated on March 18th to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and promote a circular economy.

The purpose of Global Recycling Day is to encourage people around the world to take action to reduce waste and recycle more.

The day is an opportunity to highlight the benefits of recycling, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving natural resources, and reducing waste in landfills or oceans.

It is also a chance to recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations, and governments working to promote recycling and sustainable practices.

Global Recycling Day aims to inspire people to make recycling a part of their daily lives and to encourage businesses to adopt sustainable practices.

By raising awareness and promoting action, the day seeks to help create a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly future for everyone.

## **Global Recycling Day History**

Global Recycling Day was first celebrated on March 18, 2018, as an initiative of the Global Recycling Foundation.

The aim of the day is to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and promote sustainable practices around the world.

The Global Recycling Foundation was established in 2018 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and encouraging recycling across the globe. The foundation's mission is to promote a circular economy, reduce waste, and conserve natural resources.

The first Global Recycling Day was celebrated with events and activities in countries around the world.