## **MCCDC PRIDE PARADE INFORMATION 2023**

Dear Pride Friends,

Happy Pride! I am excited to share news and updates about our Pride Parade participation this coming Saturday, June 10th. Please note that information for the Festival on Sunday is not available yet (that announcement has been postponed to June 5th by the organizers).

Here are the formal details: Organization Name: Churches United in Pride Registration ID: R-59608 Parade Staging Zone: RED Parade Staging Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM https://www.capitalpride.org/event/parade/

I am including a map for the staging area: The red zone is on T Street NW, between the two blocks of 16th to 14th Street NW.

## For those who want to help us decorate the float:

We will meet at MCCDC's parking lot (474 Ridge Street NW) on Saturday morning, June 10th, at 9 AM to start decorating our float. I will have all materials on site, so please just bring your personal items (phone, additional power for your phone, sunscreen, snacks, medication etc.). We will have a cooler and water for all available to keep you hydrated.

The Pride tide theme for MCCDC this year is "Proud to Be", and we will have a banner for our group as well (<u>Important note for UFCDC - if you would like to be</u> part of the Parade and float, please let me know asap, so we can include your logo on the banner).

In terms of shirts to wear: I would suggest either wearing a Pride shirt from years past or a shirt that matches this year's Capital Pride's theme "Peace Love Revolution". This is also a reference to the 60s/70s, so if you have any outfit reflecting those years (such as a tie-dye shirt) that would work very well, too!

Shortly before 11 AM, we will drive the float from MCCDC down to the staging location on T Street NW.

## For walkers and those who want to meet us for the Parade only (without helping to decorate at the church):

Please note that walkers do not have to be at the staging area until shortly before the Parade kicks off (only our float has to line up between 11am-12noon). The official start of the parade is at 3 PM, so if people do not want to wait too long in the sun, I would suggest getting there by 2:30 PM. Please also note that streets around the Parade route will be closed and walking to the Parade staging zone from a nearby Metro station etc. will be the best way to get there.

Please text me on the day of the Parade if you have any questions or concerns (calling might not be a good idea as the noise level is usually too loud to have a conversation). **My mobile is 202-277-2470**. Of course, you can also email me during the week.

Thank you for being part of Pride 2023, and I look forward to seeing you on Saturday (either at the church or at the line up location)!

Happy Pride,

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Staging Map (we are lining up in the red zone):



Capital Pride Theme 2023:

