



Room for All, Inc.  
PO Box 11495 • Albany, NY 12211  
(201) 364-4538  
www.roomforall.com

Happy Anniversary, Friends!

No, you haven't opened someone else's mail; it's Room for All's tenth anniversary and as a person who supports our mission, this is your celebration, too. Together, we're making a difference! We can point to a growing roster of individual supporters, 28 welcoming and affirming congregations, ongoing inclusive church workshops in congregations and campuses; presentations at consistories and RCA assemblies; exciting video resources; two full-time staff; and now, exciting plans for our fourth national conference this October. **Thank you!**

However, even as we celebrate significant progress, the exclusionary debate at the 2015 General Synod makes it clear that **we have a long way to go** in our specific mission for full inclusion in the Reformed Church in America. In the midst of overwhelmingly positive societal change, our challenge remains to engage gracefully with those in the RCA who differ, seeking to affirm and strengthen our unity as diverse Christ-followers even as we widen the church's welcome. Achieving that goal is neither inevitable nor easy. **Will you help?**

Above all, please continue to pray for LGBTQ people and their families in our denomination. Some are fortunate to find full affirmation in an RCA congregation, but many continue to meet resistance, and some have left the church altogether. We invite you to be grace-filled voices for inclusion in your own sphere of influence.

Second, we invite you to attend our "From Sorrow to Celebration" conference on October 22 – 25 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The conference offers vibrant community, inclusive worship and timely workshops and resources for LGBTQ people and allies alike, and for this special anniversary year, we've added some new features to celebrate in style! You can find all the information at our website, [www.roomforall.com](http://www.roomforall.com).

Finally, the national conference, along with all the other aspects of RfA's expanding ministry, depends on the generosity of our supporters. **May we count on you?** Perhaps you'd like to underwrite need-based scholarships to ensure that all who wish to do so may attend, or help pay for the impressive array of presenters at this year's event. Maybe you prefer to support the special opening banquet, or the dramatic production, "Listening for Grace." We're also excited to have contracted with a professional videographer to produce a short documentary film to trace RfA's story!

We're honored that David and Carol Myers from Holland, Michigan, support Room for All's mission and appreciate the way we go about our ministry. They have recently demonstrated their confidence with a generous gift of \$25,000. We're pleased to invite you, our supporters, to raise an additional \$25,000 in response. Your gift in any amount will help to fulfill this challenge opportunity! If you would like to designate your gift for a particular purpose, or in honor of a particular person, please print that information and include it in the enclosed remittance envelope. Unless you request otherwise, we'll include donors' names (not amounts) in the printed conference program material.

However you're able to respond, your partnership in this shared ministry is crucial and appreciated. Once again, **thank you!**

Marilyn Paarlberg,  
Executive Director