

June 6, 2017

Greetings:

Here is the updated information on our participation in the Portland Pride parade on June 18. Pride has released the parade line-up and we are entry #135 (out of 163). Our staging area is on **NW 9th Ave between Burnside and Couch**. We are to be ready to march by 10:30 AM with the parade stepping off at 11 AM. We will have an Oregon-Idaho Reconciling Ministries banner to carry at the front of our contingent and signs for each of the, I think it is now up to 32, reconciling communities in Oregon-Idaho (and 2 from SW Washington). Be sure to dress fabulously! Colorful clothing, especially in rainbow colors, reconciling ministry short stoles, T-shirts with messages of inclusion, and rainbow flags, scarves, boas, beads, balloons, etc. are all appropriate. Animals on leashes are allowed. We are **not** allowed to pass out material of any kind: flyers/stickers, candy, etc.

The parade route goes down Burnside to Broadway. Left on Broadway to Davis and then right on Davis to Naito Parkway, ending at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in the vicinity of Pine Street. Bring water, sunscreen and/or rain gear (depending on weather) and eat before you arrive or bring snacks with you.

There is very little parking in the area where we will be assembling. Pride NW has the following notice on their website:

****If you must drive, please be aware that any vehicles parked on the street will be removed from the staging area and within a two block radius will be towed. We highly encourage everyone to take public transit or other transportation!**

Tri-Met bus #20 goes down Burnside with stops close to our staging area, the Max Green and Orange lines stop at NW 5th and Couch, or NW 6th and Davis (depending on direction of travel), and the streetcar goes down NW 10th & 11th. Check out trimet.org for transportation options.

Please note: we are a separate entry from Portland First. OIRUMs began discussions about having an entry in the Pride Parade last summer. We had already submitted our registration for this year's parade before the invitation was received from Portland First to march with them. Because Portland First has had an entry in the parade in the past they were able to register before us and are #43 in the parade line up. So United Methodists will be well represented at both ends of the Pride line-up!

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