

## Why affiliate?

*Some of the benefits of being an affiliated Chapter include:*

- ▼ receiving support and advocacy from Interweave Continental (how to start a BGLT group booklet, advice and support from our Board Member with the Chapters portfolio)
- ▼ receiving support and ideas from other Chapters
- ▼ staying connected with other Chapters through the Chapter Leaders e-mail list
- ▼ receiving multiple copies of *Interweave-World*, our bi-monthly newsletter (5 copies per issue for a Chapter with less than 10 members, 10 copies for 10-25 members, and 15 copies for over 25 members), and being able to access back issues on our website
- ▼ being able to send delegates to our annual business meeting at Convo (2 delegates for a Chapter with less than 10 members, 4 delegates for 10-25 members, 6 delegates for over 25 members)
- ▼ members of your Chapter being able to serve on the Interweave Continental Board
- ▼ attending our Convocation and events at General Assembly
- ▼ making a difference in your congregation and community
- ▼ knowing there is strength in working together!

## To join Interweave:

**Please send your US membership form and fee to...**

*Interweave  
45 State Street #380  
Montpelier, VT 05602*

**Please send your Canadian membership form and fee to...**

*Interweave c/o CUC  
B018-1179 King Street West  
Toronto, ON M6K 3C5*

**No matter your nationality, thank you for your support!**

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## Resources:

**Write to the above US address.**

**Our website:** [www.uua.org/interweave](http://www.uua.org/interweave).

**General Interweave e-mail list:** go to <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/interweave-d> to sign on.

**Interweave Chapter Leader e-mail list:** go to <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/interweave-chapterleaders> to sign on.

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# Becoming a Chapter of Interweave Continental



*Unitarian  
Universalists for  
Bisexual, Gay,  
Lesbian, and Trans-  
gender Concerns*

## Who are we?

**Interweave Continental** was founded in the early 1970s as “Unitarian Universalists for Gay Concerns” as a grass-roots support network for sexual minorities within the Unitarian Universalist Association. Over time the organization evolved to include bisexual and transgender people in addition to gays and lesbians, lobbied successfully for the creation of the Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns, and helped secure the passage of several General Assembly resolutions advocating for the rights of BGLT people.

**Ten years ago**, Interweave Continental decided to include a category of Chapter membership in addition to individual membership to recognize the importance of congregational and district groups who were providing the same advocacy and support to the BGLT community as the continental organization.

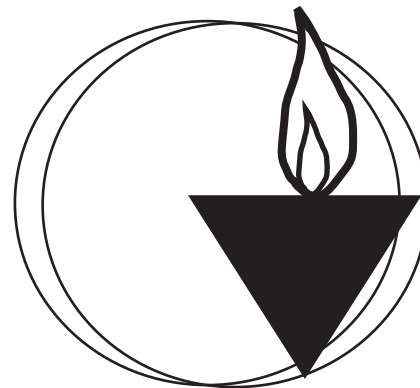
Over time, the concept of a Chapter and how it fits into the larger organization has evolved. Many congregations have BGLT support groups who call themselves “Interweave” who have no relationship with Interweave Continental. Still many other congregations do have BGLT groups who affiliate with us as Chapters, understanding that there is strength and support in numbers.

It’s your choice, but we encourage you to affiliate. Check out the benefits on the facing panel!

## What are the responsibilities?

*If you affiliate with Interweave Continental, your responsibilities include:*

- ▼ keeping in touch with Interweave Continental with your activities, questions, and concerns
- ▼ being a voice in Interweave Continental by sending delegates to the annual business meeting
- ▼ staying active in your congregation, creating a safe space for BGLT people, and advocating for their rights
- ▼ staying active in your District, bringing Interweave Continental and BGLT issues to district gatherings and leadership
- ▼ networking with other Chapters in your area, holding events and working on justice issues together



## Membership Form

*Membership indicates that you are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association, as stated in Interweave Continental’s bylaws.*

Yearly Chapter Dues      \$100 US

Extra Donation      \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**      \_\_\_\_\_

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 New Chapter       Renewal

We would like to receive *InterweaveWorld* as:  
 Paper, via postal service     PDF, via e-mail

How big is your group?  
 less than 10 people       10-25 people  
 more than 25 people

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 Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) (usually a UU Congregation) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Post \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Canadian Residents – please send equivalent funds to address on reverse. Please send only US funds to the US address.

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