

1983

Old Cambridge Baptist Church declares itself welcoming and affirming of GLBT people, the first of only seven faith congregations in Cambridge to do so (to date).

1984

Cambridge becomes the first city in the Commonwealth to enact non-discrimination law on the basis of sexual orientation.

1988

Project 10 East, the first public school gay/straight alliance in a public school east of the Mississippi -and at the time, only the second in the country- was founded at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Kathy Keegan is the current coordinator of P10East.

1992

Cambridge becomes the first city in the Commonwealth to enact domestic partner legislation.

1997

Cambridge becomes the first city in the Commonwealth to amend its non-discrimination law to include transgender people.

1997

The Cambridge School Committee (under the leadership of current Mayor, E. Denise Simmons) establishes the dedicated position of LGBT Family Liaison, to ensure that LGBT families and their children are welcome in our public schools. The Welcoming Schools Program is then formed and is coordinated by LGBT Family Liaison Melody Brazo.

2004

Cambridge becomes the first city in the Commonwealth and the nation to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

2005

The Cambridge GLBT Commission is established to advocate for a culture of respect and monitor progress toward equality of all persons with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity.

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Please join us at our meetings, 4th Thursday of the month.

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