

**Open and Affirming Committee  
September 2008 Church Mouse**

We were pleased that so many of you took time out of your summer to attend one of our video presentations and follow-up discussions related to our third theme: **What is it like to be gay? How does it feel to be the object of discrimination? Personal stories from O and A churches and people we love.** Those of you who attended found an opportunity to reflect on this topic and share your perspectives in a small group setting. Your committee will be offering additional programming on this theme throughout the fall. To begin this journey, check the church website and the ONA library for some personal stories. On the website, you will find these reflections under the “programs” tab. Later this fall, we will introduce our 4<sup>th</sup> and final theme: **How would an ONA resolution affect US and life at our beloved church?**

Jonathan and Donna will be presenting a dialog sermon in response to the ONA discernment process so far. This dialog will take place in worship on September 28. We hope that you will all attend.

Because our journey through this process to date has been so rich, we are currently working on a summary of where we have been and where we are going, taking us to the completion of the process. This summary will appear in your mailbox soon.

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