

PFLAG (West Seattle chapter) now meets in the Admiral Chapel at SJB on Third Mondays, 7-9:00pm. Next meeting is June 15th, 7:00-9:00. ALL are welcome!!

The acronym “PFLAG” stands for “Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays”. It seems dated now, in these days of LGBTQIA+, but when the organization was founded in New York City in 1973, after a mother marched with her son in an early forerunner of a Pride Parade, it was a revolutionary concept. Though the group has chosen to keep its original name, its 360 chapters in the US, and many more worldwide, not only support “parents and friends”, but also LGBTQIA+ individuals themselves, as they struggle against systemic injustice and prejudice. The accepted term for “parents and friends” is now “Allies”.

Our Admiral-sponsored West Seattle PFLAG chapter regularly welcomes 20+ individuals from the entire LGBTQIA+ rainbow and parents, grandparents, partners and other Allies. The group model is of two leaders (currently Lisa and Debbie) who facilitate discussion and provide peer-to-peer support, publications, toolkits, and other resources. Mostly we all just share our stories and offer support and listening ears to those who need them. Anita and Pastor Jermell usually attend, representing Admiral Church. We would LOVE to have YOU join us!

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