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Our Mission

B1 is a catalyst for dialogue, learning and healing to create a safe region for all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ability, religion or other social identity.

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Be One Voice Newsletter Issue 1 - September 2, 2010

This is the first newsletter of Be One (B1) Catalyst for Inclusion. Our website b1catalyst.org has been upgraded as well, providing a space for volunteers and facilitators to collaborate and share resources, and for everyone to know what's going on. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and the website. Stay in touch and give us feedback.

Be the Bridge Facilitator Training

By Theresa D. McClellan

There is hope and excitement brewing that started on the edge of downtown Grand Rapids this summer as 35 leaders, who are serious about inclusion, gathered to learn how to do more than just talk.



They gathered in the offices of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, brought there by a vision to create a more inclusive environment for LGBT people in West Michigan through transformative dialogue.

While many in the room have had the vision, it all started coming together June 8 at the "Be the Bridge" daylong interactive conference created by B1 Catalyst for Inclusion. [Read More »](#)

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Autumn Dialogue Workshops

Beginning the week of October 3rd, Be One will be offering 6 weeks of structured small workshop groups using the Be One method of transformative dialogue.

- A safe environment to tell our own stories and listen to the stories of others
- A respectful place to grow in our understanding of the thoughts, feelings, and experiences of those of other sexual orientations and diverse perspectives
- Structured group exercises that challenge and inspire

Each group will be led by two trained facilitators.



Rev. Mary Martin



Theresa McClellan

Forward

Know someone who'd be interested in this email? Forward it to a friend.

- 2-hour sessions for 6 weeks in a row
- During weeks of Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7
- Groups available on various days, evenings and weekends

Groups will meet at various locations in the Grand Rapids area. [Read More »](#)

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Why the Name Change?

Our designer, Nicole, of Moxy Design, persuaded us that B1 was too confusing, that it looked a bit too much like a mechanical part, an airplane or a vitamin. While we had grown rather fond of B1, we agreed that Be One was warmer and easier to relate to. It can sometimes stand alone, but most often will have a tagline of some kind or words that go with it; for example, our newsletter name: Be One Voice or Be One for Inclusion or Be One Catalyst. And more. Hope you agree.



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