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PRIDE IN POWER

QUEER LIBERATION IS
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE



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In some places, Pride month is being quietly pushed aside, with states choosing not to recognize it, and in places like Florida, funding for LGBTQ+ support and HIV prevention has been reduced. What was once publicly affirmed is now being debated or erased. And yet, Pride remains. It is what it has always been: resistance, community, and truth.

For LGBTQ+ communities, especially Black queer communities, this is not new. Barriers to affirming healthcare, reproductive autonomy, and HIV care have long existed. What we are seeing now is a deepening of those realities. And still, people continue to show up, communities organize, advocate, and protect one another. That kind of resilience calls for a response; it invites us to move from awareness into action.

So, what can religious and non-religious communities do?

Lead with care. For many, faith spaces have been places of harm, so choose to be a place of healing.

Show up anyway. Regardless of belief or practice, Pride is already present in our congregations, our pews, and our communities. Whether you're straight or cisgender, this work is yours because justice is not limited by identity or practice, and neither is belonging.

Use what you have. Your voice, your presence, and your willingness to stand are not small things. They create safety, culture, and open doors.

And most importantly, don't stay silent!

Represent. Advocate. Lead the charge for affirming care, HIV access, and the full dignity of queer lives.

Because even when recognition is taken away, the community remains, and where there is community, there is power.

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*"Pride is more
than parades. It's
access. It's
families. It's
freedom."*

Cherisse Scott



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