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Project Open Arms is a grassroots resettlement project of TRACTION started in 2023 in response to the alarming increase in anti-trans legislation and rhetoric across the country. Hundreds of thousands of Two-Spirit, transgender, nonbinary, gender-diverse, and gender-nonconforming (trans+) people and their families are seeking to escape legislative persecution and violence. The Pacific Northwest has long been a destination for such folk, and we expect an increase in the number of migrating people and families over the next decade.

Our goal then and now is to support U.S. red state “transplants” – trans+ people and their families – seeking safer, more welcoming places to live.

Simply put, the need for host families is great. Gordon Glasgow, our PFLAG representative on the Heart for Others team and a volunteer with Project Open Arms, would be our initial point of contact for anyone requesting more information or offering to host. Please let me know if you would like me to put you in touch with Gordon and thank you for your prayerful consideration of this BIG ask.



Pride Month!

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With warmth, humor, and a familiar presence that draws people in, Mitchell invites us to move beyond fear, deepen our understanding, and take meaningful steps toward informed, sacred allyship.

Come be part of a conversation that helps us create a community of true belonging...

because when it comes right down to it, we are more alike than we are different.

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Mitchell C. Hunter is a storyteller and educator whose work brings together faith, gender, and belonging. With decades of lived leadership experience, Mitchell has worked across tech, medical, and educational settings, standing with diverse communities and helping them cultivate empathy, inclusion, and the kind of trust that builds true allyship.

With warmth, humor, and a generous spirit, Mitchell creates spaces where honest questions lead to a deeper sense of belonging and a truly welcoming and informed allyship. Guided by the simple truth that we are more alike than we are different, he invites congregations to become communities where all people can belong, become, and thrive. When we have the freedom to live authentically, we not only cultivate love — we also open ourselves to receiving it, the heart of all belonging.