

Third Tradition Group

Third Tradition first met on May 2, 2009 at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Athens, GA. The founding members, Mike M., Tim R., Patrick K. and David F. decided to form the group in June 2009. Courage is required for anyone attending their first meeting. This can be especially true when you're part of a group that is not accepted by much of society. This group was convened to be a special welcome to alcoholics that identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, though everyone is welcome. A group name that was considered was "One Gay at a Time" but the group decided on "Third Tradition" as suggested by Titus G. because it better reflected the inclusiveness of the group. As stated in "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" the Third Tradition opened the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous to anyone with a desire to stop drinking, including "beggars, tramps, asylum inmates, prisoners, queers, plain crackpots, and fallen women." The group began meeting at Aloha Counseling in 2011, our current home. Our meetings offer safety, intimacy, and lots of laughter. You don't have to be on the Third Tradition list of undesirables to attend --- but it couldn't hurt.