

Pioneer Valley Project, Inc.

The Pioneer Valley Project (PVP) has received \$535,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) since 2006, including its most recent grant of \$65,000 for the 2020-2021 grants cycle.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES				
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant	
Diocese of Springfield	Pioneer Valley Project, Inc.	Economic Justice	65,000.00	

Pioneer Valley Project (PVP) is a member of multiple organizations that are pro-abortion and promote homosexual and transgender ideologies. In addition to this, PVP posted a strange Mother's Day message promoting queer ideologies and was the fiscal sponsor of an LGBTQ organization.

In 2020, <u>PVP sponsored</u> the pro-abortion Pioneer Valley Women's March, which says of its sponsors: "Our co-sponsors are community organizations who have helped amplify the 2020 Pioneer Valley Women's March and are leaders on the issues in our call to action."



VALLEY WOMEN'S MARCH

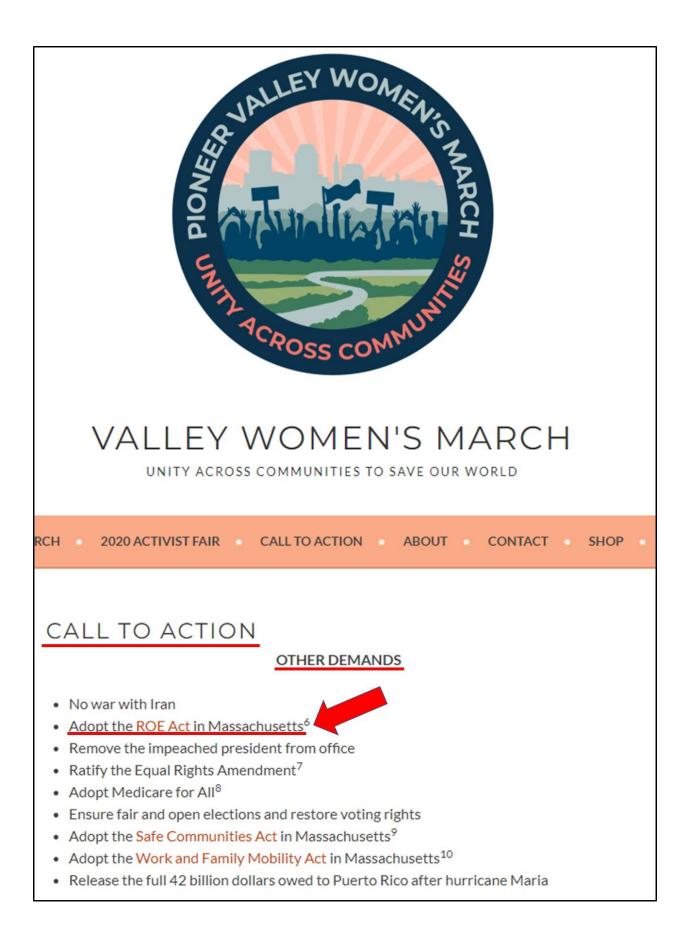
2020 PARTNERS

The Pioneer Valley Women's March is a grassroots movement made possible by local volunteers and the support of many incredible organizations. Friends, Advocates and Leaders in Change have graciously supported the 2020 Pioneer Valley Women's March through financial and in-kind contributions. <u>Our co-sponsors are community</u> organizations who have helped amplify the 2020 Pioneer Valley Women's March and are leaders on the issues in our call to action.

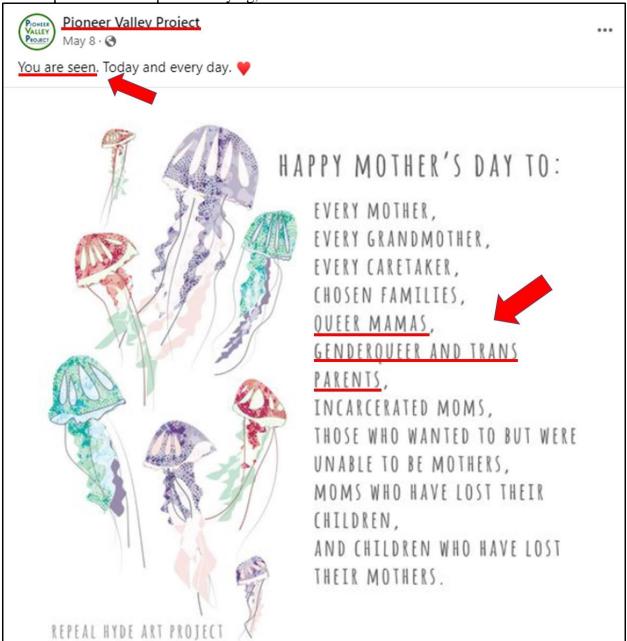
FRIENDS

Casiano Towing League of Women Voters Amherst Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts ROE Coalition SEIU 1199/<u>Pioneer Valley Project</u> Tapestry Health Voice Male

As a sponsor that "helped amplify the ... issues in our call to action," PVP lent its voice to this pro-abortion call to action. Among the specific calls to action is the "demand" to "Adopt the <u>ROE Act</u> in Massachusetts."



On <u>May 8, 2022</u>, PVP posted a Happy Mother's Day message that includes "Queer Mamas, Genderqueer and Trans parents" saying, "You are seen."

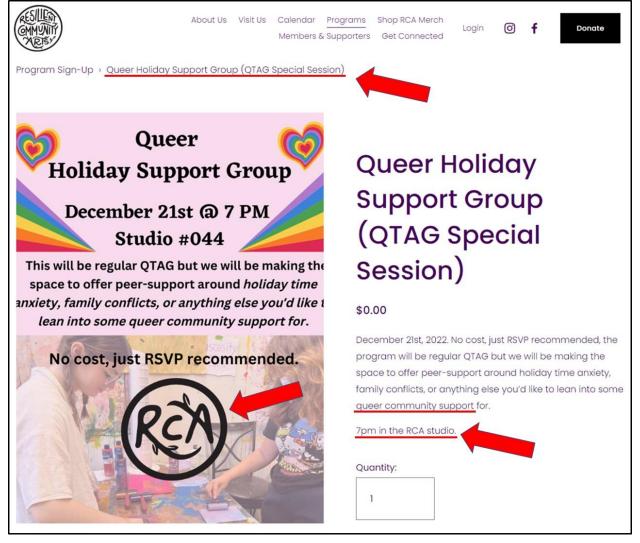


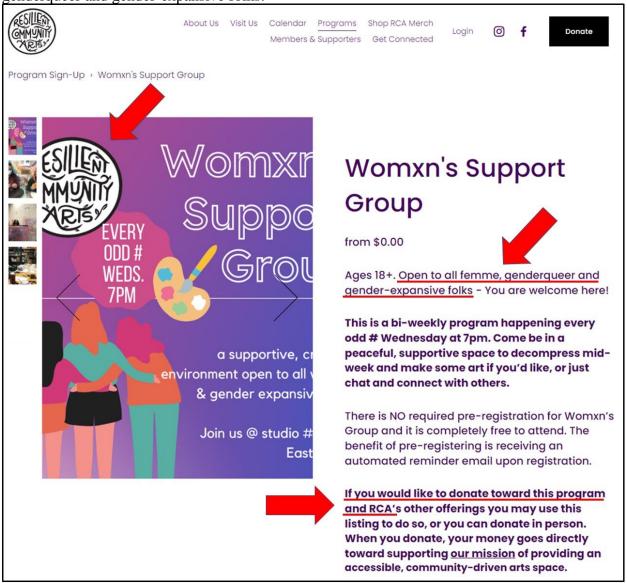
Pioneer Valley Project is the Fiscal Sponsor<u>of Resilient Community Arts</u>.

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		116 Pleasant Street	
	RCA is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization	Easthampton, MA 01027	
	via Fiscal Sponsorship with Pioneer Valley Project		
		info@resilientcommunityarts.org (413) 342-0396	

This is serious problem because of how flagrantly the Resilient Community Arts is promoting homosexual and transgender ideologies.

On December 21,2022 RCA will be hosting a Queer Holiday Support Group session.





Resilient Community Arts also hosted a "<u>Womxn Support Group</u>" geared toward "femme, genderqueer and gender-expansive folks."

Resilient Community Arts also hosted a "<u>Queer and Trans Art Group</u>" that is "open to anyone who identifies as queer, trans, or gender-expansive."

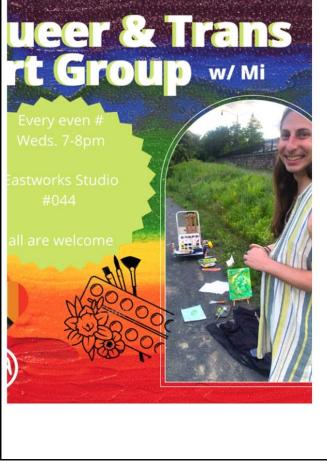


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Program Sign-Up > Queer And Trans Art Group



Queer And Trans Art Group

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from \$0.00

Open to anyone who identifies as queer, trans, or gender-expansive.

This is a bi-weekly program happening every even # Wednesday at 7pm with our fabulous facilitator Mi! Come hang out, make art in community, or just connect with other queer and trans folks in a safer space.

There is NO required pre-registration for Queer Trans Art Group and it is completely free to attend. The benefit of pre-registering is receiving an automated reminder email upon registration.

If you would like to donate toward this program and RCA's other offerings you may use this listing to do so, or you can donate in person. When you donate, your money goes directly toward supporting our mission of providing an accessible, community-driven arts space.

With RCA directly promoting homosexual and transgender ideologies, the fact that Pioneer Valley Project is the "fiscal sponsor" for the organization, PVP is directly participating in the promotion of homosexuality and transgenderism.

Membership in pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ organizations

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an FAQ on the USCCB website, the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given this prohibition, there is no way the Pioneer Valley Project can be a member of Rise Up Massachusetts and receive CCHD funding, and yet, it is doing both.

The Pioneer Valley Project is a <u>member of Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy</u> <u>Coalition (MIRA)</u>.



On July 5, 2022, MIRA posted a Reuters article about how illegal immigrants are worried about lack of access to abortion, while MIRA cries, "Abortion rights are under threat."

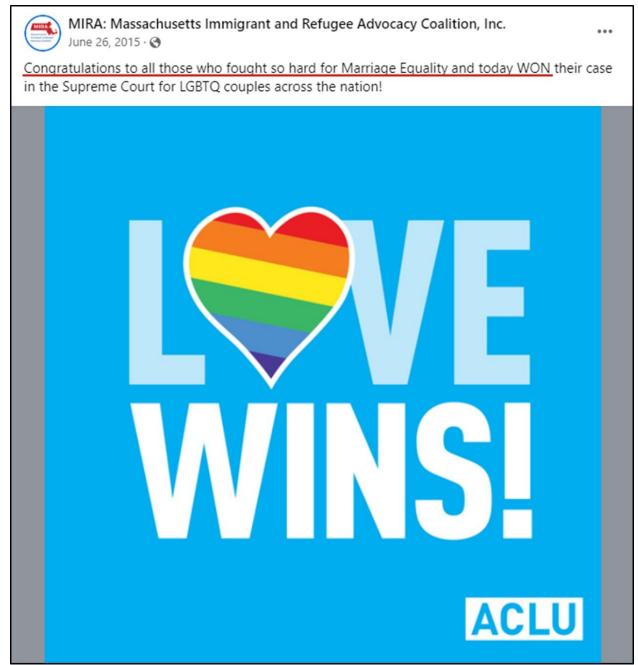
MIRA: Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Inc.

Abortion rights are under threat across the United States, but immigrants - both documented and undocumented - face a unique set of challenges when accessing reproductive care:



Abortion worries heightened for unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. Last week calls from Texas began flooding into a national abortion assistance hotline with Spa...

In <u>June 2016</u>, MIRA posted "Love Wins" saying, "Congratulations to all those who fought so hard for Marriage Equality and today WON their case in the Supreme Court for LGBTQ couples across the nation!"

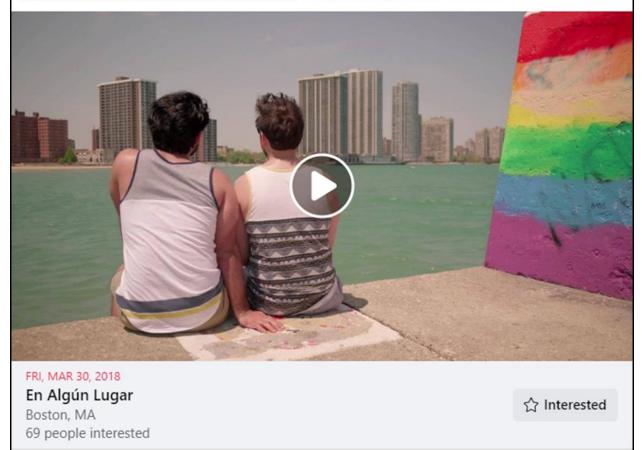


On <u>March 30, 2018</u> MIRA posted "TONIGHT! MIRA proudly co-presents this movie at Wicked Queer: The Boston LGBT Film Festival: En Algún Lugar - set against the background of a broken U.S. immigration system, this is a love story between two young men, Abel & Diego."

MIRA: Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Inc. March 30, 2018 · ③

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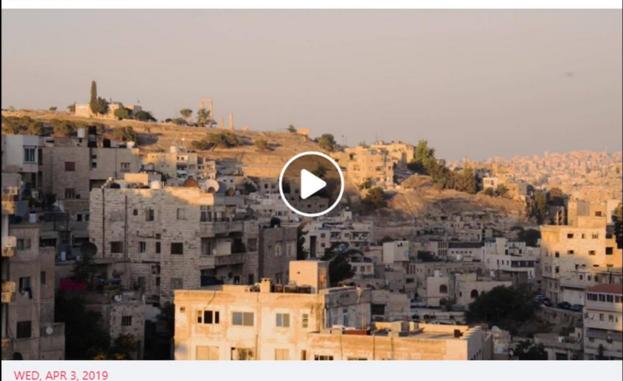
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On April 3, 2019 MIRA co-presented a film at the Wicked Queer: Boston LGBT Film Festival.

MIRA: Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Inc.

Join us TONIGHT! We're very excited to co-present this film as part of Wicked Queer: The Boston LGBT Film Festival.



WED, APR 3, 2019 US Premiere: Birds of the Borderlands Boston, MA Film · 136 people

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Rise Up Massachusetts identifies Pioneer Valley Project as a member.

RAISEUP MASSACHUSETTS

ABOUT US

OUR MEMBERS

Raise Up Massachusetts is a grassroots coalition of community organizations, religious groups, and labor unions committed to building an economy that works for all of us. If your organization is interested in joining Raise Up Massachusetts, please contact info@raiseupma.org.

FAITH

- Brockton Interfaith
- Community
- Coop Metro Ministries
- Episcopal City Mission
- Essex County Community
- Jewish Community
 Relations Council
- Mass Council of Churches
- Mass Council of Rabbis
- Massachusetts

- Pioneer Valley Project
- Temple Sinai Brookline
- Unitarian Universalist
- Massachusetts Action
- Unitarian Universalist

Since NARAL Pro-Choice is a member of Rise Up Massachusetts, it's not surprising that Rise Up Massachusetts would promote pro-abortion messaging, but the fact that it did makes PVP's membership impossible, under CCHD grant guidelines. On <u>May 4, 2020</u>, Rise Up Massachusetts posted this pro-abortion message.



PVP is also an affiliate of Faith in Action, which took a formal position in favor of abortion as a "right."



Faith in Action identifies Pioneer Valley Project as an affiliate on its "Federations" page, here.

Faith in Action is a coalition of 49 members, many of whom receive funding from the CCHD. Faith in Action itself received \$500,000 in 2016 from the CCHD, when it was called the PICO Network. However, Faith in Action publicly supports abortion, its leaders openly slammed the overturn of Roe v. Wade, and FIA participated in electioneering activities in support of President Joe Biden and other Democratic candidates. The organization also supports LGBTQ+ ideologies. All of the pertinent information regarding Faith in Action on the whole is contained in the fully detailed report on FIA (see here), but the most important point is this:

On the day of the Supreme Court's ruling on the Dobbs v. Jackson case which overturned Roe v. Wade, Faith in Action took a formal position condemning the ruling, while vowing to "stand with women" calling it "oppression" to deny a woman the right to murder her child through abortion.

In an official press release, published on Faith in Action's website, Faith in Action said:

"Clergy and organizers with **Faith in Action**, the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States, are **speaking out against today's Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade**, following a leak of the Supreme Court opinion." FIA's executive director Rev. Alvin Herring called the decision, "a huge blow to women in this season of despair," and declared that "[w]e must speak out against dangerous policies that chip away at **having agency over their own bodies**."

Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, FIA's Senior Strategist at FIA's Washington, DC office, claimed that the "SCOTUS decision to overturn ROE" was "legalized, judicially enforced oppression" that "shows contempt for the Creator."

Rev. Kamilah Hall Sharp, member of FIA's Organizing Clergy Board, said that the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade was "deadly," and that she was "enraged at the injustice, the lack of care for women and that most people who voted to **take this right away will never have to carry an unwanted pregnancy** to term in their bodies." She then had the audacity to claim that "As a follower of Jesus," her rage about the overturning of Roe "aligns with [H]is."

This is the entire statement as it appeared on the Faith in Action website:

News & Media

FAITH LEADERS STAND WITH WOMEN AFTER SCOTUS DECISION, DEMAND EXPANDED ACCESS TO MATERNAL HEALTH CARE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 24, 2022

CONTACT: Heather Cabral | hcabral@faithinaction.org | 202-550-6680 Manisha Sunil | msunil@westendstrategy.com | 202-417-0171

WASHINGTON—<u>Clergy and organizers with Faith in Action</u>, the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States, <u>are speaking out against today's Supreme Court decision to</u> overturn Roe v. Wade, following a leak of the Supreme Court opinion.

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"This is a huge blow to women in this season of despair. As people of faith, we are called on to join with women who are afraid today. <u>We must speak out against dangerous policies that chip away at</u> having agency over their own bodies," said **The Rev. Alvin Herring, executive director of Faith in Action.** "This country pretends to be a nation that cares about the wellbeing of women when millions of women are without health insurance and access to maternal health care. It is also no secret who will be most affected: poor Black and Brown women. Our collective liberation relies on all of us having the tools to live our fullest lives and make decisions grounded in our own values and beliefs. As faith leaders, it is not our place to judge others for their circumstances – rather, it is our job to stand against policies that make the lives of women more difficult."

This decision comes in the midst of women across the United States are struggling to find formula to feed their babies and the irony is not lost on these leaders. The U.S. also has the highest maternal mortality rate of any developed nation and its currently the highest it has been in decades.

"The U.S. from its origin has been a tale of two countries, the privileged and the underprivileged. We are also a country that often operates under the veneer of a fraudulent connection to religion. Proverbs 14:31 reminds us that, 'Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.' <u>The SCOTUS decision to overturn ROE not only puts those who</u> inequities have caused to be perpetually, underprivileged such as poor women, Black women and other women of Color at risk but it also inherently shows contempt for the Creator," said **Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, Senior Strategist, Faith Leadership Strategies, Faith in Action** and Associate at Metropolitan **A.M.E. Church in DC.** "It is a moment in which people of faith have to wrestle with theologies that
support oppression of any kind. It is a sad day for us but we have been here before and will continue
to advocate for, stand with and protect the well being of those who continue to be saddled with
Legalized, judicially enforced oppression.

"Today is a difficult day for women and children in this country because of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. People are hurt, scared, and frankly, enraged," said <u>The Rev. Kamilah</u> Hall Sharp, Co-Pastor, The Gathering, A Womanist Church in Dallas and <u>Clergy Organizing Board, Faith</u> in Action. "Here in Texas, we have one of the country's highest Black mother mortality rates, no Medicaid expansion, and child care is hard to get even for people with the money. <u>This decision is deadly. I, too, am enraged at the injustice</u>, the lack of care for women and that most people who voted to take this right away will never have to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term in their bodies. As a follower of Jesus, <u>I believe my rage aligns with his</u>. Jesus was so enraged by injustice and the oppression of the people he flipped tables. We must harness our rage and organize and flip seats in state and federal legislatures so that evil does not get the final word."

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Faith in Action is the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States. The nonpartisan organization works with 1,000 religious congregations in more than 200 cities and towns through its 46 local and state federations. For more information, visit www.faithinaction.org.

Conclusion

Pioneer Valley Project is directly responsible for the promotion of abortion and LGBTQ ideologies. On its own facebook page, it posted a pro-LGBTQ message and sponsored the proabortion Pioneer Valley Women's March, which formally called for the passage of the ROE Act. In addition to this, PVP is a member of the pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition and Rise Up Massachusetts, and an affiliate of the radically pro-abortion Faith in Action.