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## Palm Beach Makes a Splash at Diocesan Convention

Integrity's [Palm Beach chapter](#) used Integrity's [Exhibit Pack](#) - and a bunch of cupcakes - to make a big impact on their diocesan convention last weekend. Co-conveners Ben Lowe and Margot Emery report on the experience:

"Our booth saw a lot of traffic and there were quite a few conversations about how to make parishes more open and affirming of LGBT people. This theme definitely resonated among the delegates and other attendees. We provided the coffee break at the end of the first business meeting on Friday, and since there was a rather significant time gap before the next event (the Eucharist) we were able to talk to a lot of people. (Everyone was hungry and cupcakes proved to be a huge winner.)

"The large poster we placed next to the break table laid out in detail how much LGBT people contribute to their parishes, and it sparked a good amount of dialogue. At the booth a lot of people picked up literature, wore our buttons and t-shirts, watched our videos, and talked with us about how they might get their church to become a Believe Out Loud and/or P3 parish, or at least start the education process. We had several people ask us to come and talk to their vestries or congregations.



"The crowning moment perhaps came when our three resolutions were debated on Saturday. While there was strong opposition among a few delegates, we had many supporters who got up and spoke eloquently on behalf of our resolutions. In the end they passed overwhelmingly and we received many "high fives" that afternoon. I am very proud of my diocese and grateful to my parish, St. Andrew's of Lake Worth (who co-sponsored the resolutions) and to Integrity USA for the grant that enabled us to accomplish so much.



"This is the fourth convention where we've hosted an Integrity booth and it was by far the most rewarding and, we think, successful. (The new display is also really very well done.) Thanks to everyone at the national office who assisted us in this endeavor. Most of all though, I thank God for his sustaining presence over the years as baby steps have turned into major strides forward."



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