



Reggie Evans

Reggie Evans is a member of the Riverside Church and has served as both Co-Convener and Convener of Maranatha, the oldest queer ministry in the country. Under his leadership, Maranatha has partnered with venerable and highly regarded LGBTQIA organizations.

Demonstrating his commitment to advocacy, Reggie organized a bus trip to Albany, NY, filled with queer leaders, community activists, and advocates from all five boroughs to lobby lawmakers for laws that affirm and protect the LGBTQ community. Last summer, Maranatha proudly returned to march in the annual NYC Pride parade, featuring the most diverse and well-represented float in Riverside Church's history, with participants ranging in age from 8 to 92.

A proud Black, gay man from Louisiana, Reggie studied Literature and Creative Writing at Loyola University. He cherishes his Creole heritage and culture. Currently, he resides in New York City with his partner, Zachary Newton, and their Shiba Inu.

Reggie is a passionate lover of the arts and culture, taking full advantage of the city's offerings—from opera to Broadway, the symphony, and ballet. He is thrilled to be teaching James Baldwin's seminal novel, "Giovanni's Room," for Pride Month.