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Love is one of 90 international content experts serving the Diversity Collegium’s 20-year Global Diversity & Inclusion Benchmarks project. Her work on the intersection of religious, spiritual and secular identity will appear for the first time in the 2016 edition. <http://www.diversitycollegium.org>

Dr. Love has been guest of the White House during three administrations—both of the Bushes and President Barak Obama—first as a contributor to the First Tee Foundation supporting vulnerable youth and most recently as a internationally recognized advocate for non-violence and decriminalization of the lives of LGBT people.

She currently serves on the Religion & Foreign Policy Working Group on Social Justice informing the U.S. Secretary of State as well as the United Nations/UUO Compass Coalition for LGBT Human Rights and as a member of the Human Rights Campaign Faith & Religion Council in DC.

She served as a Thematic Country Specialist on LGBT human rights for Amnesty International in 2013. She is a blogger on Huffington Post in religion, education and gay voices.

From 2010-2014, Dr. Love was the executive director of Soulforce, a <http://www.soulforce.org/> target="_hplink">Soulforce, a national organization dedicated to nonviolently confronting and ending anti-LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) discrimination through relentless nonviolent resistance, as taught by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Gandhi and adapted by Rev. Dr. Mel White.

She has also served as the CEO of a global denomination, Metropolitan Community Church, [HYPERLINK "http://www.mcchurch.org" http://www.mcchurch.org](http://www.mcchurch.org) known as the “human rights church” and the “church with AIDS” due to their early intervention in areas of compassionate care and advocacy. She is the editor of *Forty Years of Faith, Hope & Love*, a historical retrospective on Metropolitan Community Churches throughout the world (ISBN 1425182836).

Love served as Executive Dean of Corporate & Continuing Education at Brookhaven College in Dallas Texas from 2003-2005. She started her career as a speech pathologist and faculty member in special education at a private university after completing a fellowship with the Veteran’s Administration

Hospital system.

She is the author of *HYPERLINK "http://www.amazon.com/Would-Jesus-Discriminate-Century-Question/dp/1425172881" \t "_hplink" Would Jesus Discriminate? The 21st Century Question*. This book is part of a broader campaign to prompt churches, communities and individuals to consider the ways that religious attitudes against homosexuality may contribute to wider discrimination against gays and lesbians.

In 2007 and 2009 Love was part of the Clergy Call on Washington to lobby for passage of the hate crimes bill and the employment non-discrimination act.

Love holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Abilene Christian University, a Master of Arts from Louisiana Tech, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Texas Tech University. She attended post-doctoral executive education at MIT and Harvard Kennedy School where she completed the certificate in State and Local Government. She was a full fellow of the David Bohnett Foundation.

She spent many years in the business sector founding companies, the last of which was acquired by The Toro Company in 1996. She also served as a Visiting Investigator for NASA in 1990. She was named one of the "Top 50 Entrepreneurs" in North America by *Inc. Magazine*, MIT, and YEO in 1990.

In 2008, she was named one of the "most loved women" in the United States by *Go Magazine* in New York and to Women at the Helm by the same magazine in 2011. She has served on numerous not-for-profit boards and committees for educational, business, and LGBT interests. She is a long-time director of one of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's advocacy programs in Abilene.

She and her partner of 35 years, Sue, live in Abilene, Texas and Washington, DC and have two adult children. Sue and Cindi are legally married in the United States of America in the State of California.

Love says that she organizes her life around the assertion and support of human dignity and the quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Every Wall is a Door."

