**LGBTQ+ Resources**

**Organizations:**

**PFLAG** – Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays,

**Human Rights Campaign** – defending equality, [http://www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)

**Lambda Legal** – making the case for equality, [http://lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)

**GLAAD** – leading the conversation for equality, [http://www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org)

**National LGBTQ Task Force** – advancing full freedom, justice and equality for LGBTQ people, [http://www.thetaskforce.org](http://www.thetaskforce.org)

**Modern Military Association of America** – a united voice for the LGBT military and veteran community, [https://modernmilitary.org](https://modernmilitary.org)

**Mama Bears** – supporting, educating and empowering moms of LGBTQ kids and the LGBTQ community, [https://www.realmamabears.org](https://www.realmamabears.org)

**Mama Dragons** – supporting mothers with LGBTQ children (originally Mormon moms, now ecumenical), [https://mamadragons.org](https://mamadragons.org)

**Free Mom Hugs** – a movement growing one hug at a time; affirming parents and allies, [https://www.freemomhugs.org](https://www.freemomhugs.org)

**Faith-related:**

**Soulforce** – working nonviolently to end the religious and political oppression of LGBTQ people, [https://www.soulforce.org](https://www.soulforce.org)

**The Religious Institute** - a multifaith organization dedicated to advocating for sexual, gender, and reproductive health, education, and justice in faith communities and society, [http://religiousinstitute.org](http://religiousinstitute.org)

**The Reformation Project** - a Bible-based, Christian organization that works to promote inclusion of LGBTQ people by reforming church teaching on sexual orientation and gender identity.
[https://www.reformationproject.org](https://www.reformationproject.org)

**Family Acceptance Project** – helping diverse families to support their LGBTQ children, based on ground-breaking research at San Francisco State University by Prof. Caitlin Ryan - [https://familyproject.sfsu.edu](https://familyproject.sfsu.edu)
Q Christian Fellowship (originally The Gay Christian Network) - cultivates radical belonging among LGBTQ+ people and allies through a commitment to growth, community, and relational justice. We are a diverse community with varied backgrounds, cultures, theologies and denominations, drawn together through our love of Christ and our belief that every person is a beloved child of God. https://www.qchristian.org


Books:


“No More Goodbyes – Circling the Wagons Around Our Gay Loved Ones” – Carol Lynn Pearson, 2007 [Mormon].


“A Place at the Table – Scripture, Sexuality, and Life in the Church” – Kenneth D. Thurow, 2009 [Lutheran].

“Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality – Explode the Myths, Heal the Church” – Jack Rogers, revised and expanded 2009 [Presbyterian].


“Bible, Gender, Sexuality - Reframing the Church’s Debate on Same-Sex Relationships” – James V. Brownson, 2013 [Evangelical].

“Walking the Bridgeless Canyon – Repairing the Breach Between the Church and the LGBT Community” – Kathy Baldock, 2014 - http://canyonwalkerconnections.com


“The Bible’s YES to Same-Sex Marriage – an Evangelical’s Change of Heart” – Mark Achtemeier, revised 2015 [Presbyterian/Evangelical].


LGBTQ Affirming Scripture – an Episcopal parish's online resource, 2018 - https://www.sthugh.net/lgbtq-affirming-scripture


Specifically Trans:


**Trans Family Support Services** – navigation for the transitioning journey - https://www.transfamilysos.org

**Gender Spectrum** – helping to create gender sensitive and inclusive environments for all children and teens - https://www.genderspectrum.org

**Web Videos:**


**Film:** “**For the Bible Tells Me So**” – an exploration of the intersection between religion and homosexuality in the U.S. – the stories of five families, 2007, 94 min. - http://bit.ly/youtube-bibletellsmeso

**Film:** “**Anyone and Everyone,**” a wide variety of parents across the country discuss their experiences of having a gay son or daughter, 2007, 57 min. - http://bit.ly/youtube-anyoneandeveryone

**Film:** “**What's Morally Wrong with Homosexuality,**” John Corvino, an informative and also quite humorous lecture, 2007, 58 min. – http://bit.ly/youtube-johncorvinofilm

**Film:** “**Through My Eyes**” - true stories of young gay Christians, 2009, 47 min. - http://bit.ly/youtube-throughmyeyes

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**LGBTQ+ Faith Support Groups**

**Baptists** - The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists (AWAB) - since 1993, devoted to building the Welcoming & Affirming movement within the Baptist traditions - [http://www.awab.org](http://www.awab.org)

**Believe Out Loud** - a trans-denominational movement that promotes LGBTQ inclusion in the Christian church; created in 2008 to encourage Christian clergy to voice their affirmation for LGBTQ people - [http://www.believeoutloud.com/](http://www.believeoutloud.com/)

**Catholics** - Dignity USA – Since 1970, celebrating the wholeness and holiness of LGBTQI Catholics - [https://www.dignityusa.org](https://www.dignityusa.org)
The Denver Chapter’s mass: Sundays, 5:00 pm - [http://www.dignitydenver.org/](http://www.dignitydenver.org/)

New Ways Ministry – Since 1977, educates and advocates for justice and equality for LGBTQ Catholics, and reconciliation within the larger Christian and civil communities - [http://www.newwaysministry.org/](http://www.newwaysministry.org/)

**Community of Christ** - Harmony - provides advocacy, education, and resources for Queer voices in the Community of Christ denomination with a shared vision of full participation - [https://www.harmony.lgbt](https://www.harmony.lgbt)

**Disciples of Christ** – Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance - setting a place at the table for persons of all gender and sexual identities - [http://disciplesallianceq.org](http://disciplesallianceq.org)

**Episcopalian**s - Integrity - working for the full equality of LGBTQ in every part of the Church - [http://www.integrityusa.org/](http://www.integrityusa.org/) Colorado: [www.integrity-colorado.org](http://www.integrity-colorado.org)

Also, The Evangelical Network (TEN) – an association of LGBTQ affirming evangelical ministries and individuals - [https://www.ten.lgbt](https://www.ten.lgbt)

**Human Rights Campaign** - Religion & Faith Program - Mobilizes people of faith to advocate for LGBT people - [https://www.hrc.org/resources/topic/religion-faith](https://www.hrc.org/resources/topic/religion-faith)

**Jews** – The World Congress: Keshet Ga’avah (Rainbow of Pride) - [http://glbtjews.org](http://glbtjews.org)
Also, Keshet - for LGBTQ equality in Jewish life - [http://keshetonline.org](http://keshetonline.org)

**Lutherans** (ELCA) – ReconcilingWorks - Working for the full inclusion of LGBTQ Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church - [http://www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)
Their *Reconciling in Christ* program recognizes Lutheran congregations that welcome LGBTQ believers with an Affirmation of Welcome statement.

Also, Pink Menno - supports the inclusion of LGBTQ individuals in marriage, in ordination, and in the loving community of Christian fellowship within the Mennonite Church - [http://www.pinkmenno.org/](http://www.pinkmenno.org/)
Methodists - Affirmation: United Methodists for LGBTQ concerns - http://www.umaffirm.org/ Also, Reconciling Ministries Network - Mobilizing United Methodists to create full inclusion of all God’s children regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity - http://www.rmnetwork.org/

Metropolitan Community Churches - Core values: Inclusion, Community, Spiritual Transformation & Social Action. Since 1968, transforming ourselves as we transform the world - http://mccchurch.org/


Muslims - Muslims for Progressive Values - endorses the human and civil rights of LGBTQI individuals - http://www.mpvusa.org/lgbtqi-resources/

PFLAG (Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) – Straight for Equality in Faith Communities – http://www.straightforequality.org/faith

Presbyterians (PCUSA)- Covenant Network of Presbyterians - furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church - http://covnetpres.org/ Also, More Light Presbyterians - working toward the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry and witness of the Church - http://www.mlp.org/

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Reformed Church in America - RfA - Room for All - Supporting, educating and advocating for the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons - http://roomforall.com/

Soulforce - Committed to freedom for LGBTQ people from religious and political oppression through relentless nonviolent resistance - http://www.soulforce.org/

Unitarian Universalist - All UU churches are Welcoming and Affirming, one of the first denominations to be so - http://www.uua.org/

United Church of Christ – LGBTQ Ministries - https://www.ucc.org/lgbt/ Many UCC churches have official Open and Affirming (ONA) status, but most of the rest, nevertheless, are welcoming and safe communities for LGBTQ Christians.

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