

LGBTQ+ Resources

Organizations:

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

National: <https://pflag.org> Col. Springs: <http://www.cspflag.org/>

Human Rights Campaign – defending equality, <http://www.hrc.org>

Lambda Legal – making the case for equality, <http://lambdalegal.org>

GLAAD – leading the conversation for equality, <http://www.glaad.org>

National LGBTQ Task Force – advancing full freedom, justice and equality for LGBTQ people, <http://www.thetaskforce.org>

Modern Military Association of America – a united voice for the LGBT military and veteran community, <https://modernmilitary.org>

Mama Bears – supporting, educating and empowering moms of LGBTQ kids and the LGBTQ community, <https://www.realmamabears.org>

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

Free Mom Hugs – a movement growing one hug at a time; affirming parents and allies, <https://www.freemomhugs.org>

Faith-related:

Soulforce – working nonviolently to end the religious and political oppression of LGBTQ people, <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>

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>

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>

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>

“Stuff That Needs to be Said”–John Pavlovitz [blog](http://bit.ly/pavlovitz-thechurchhasbeenwrong), a writer and pastor - <http://bit.ly/pavlovitz-thechurchhasbeenwrong>

Books:

“Fortunate Families – Catholic Families with Lesbian Daughters & Gay Sons”-Mary Ellen & Casey Lopata, 2003-<https://www.fortunatefamilies.com>

“Gay Marriage – Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America” - Jonathan Rauch, 2004.

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

“Are there Closets in Heaven? – a Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story” - Carol Curoe & Robert Curoe, 2007.

“Bulletproof Faith – a Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay & Lesbian Christians” – Candace Chellew-Hodge, 2008.

“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].

“God vs. Gay? - the Religious Case for Equality”- Jay Michaelson, 2011.

“God Believes in Love – Straight Talk about Gay Marriage” –Bishop Gene Robinson, 2012 [Episcopal Church].

“Torn – Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate” - Justin Lee, 2012 [Baptist/Evangelical].

“What’s Wrong with Homosexuality?” – Prof. John Corvino, 2013.

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

“God and the Gay Christian – the Biblical Case in Support of Same – Sex Relationships” - Matthew Vines, 2014 [Evangelical] - <http://www.matthewvines.com>

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

“Changing Our Mind” – a call from America’s leading Evangelical ethics scholar for full acceptance of LGBT Christians in the Church – Prof. David P. Gushee, 2nd edition 2015 [Evangelical].

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

“Mom, I’m Gay - Loving Your LGBTQ Child and Strengthening Your Faith” – Susan Cottrell, 2016 - <https://www.freedhearts.org>

UnClobber – Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality” – Colby Martin, 2016 - <https://www.colbymartinonline.com>

“Building a Bridge – How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity” – Fr. James Martin, S.J., revised and expanded 2018. Video: his address at the Vatican’s *World Meeting of Families* in Dublin, 2018, 48 min. - <http://bit.ly/youtube-JamesMartin2018>

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

“Unashamed – a Coming-out Guide for LGBTQ Christians” - Amber Cantorna, 2019 - <http://ambercantorna.com>

“Embracing the Journey – a Christian Parents’ Blueprint to Loving your LGBTQ Child” – Greg & Lynn McDonald, 2019 - <https://www.embracingthejourney.org>

Specifically Trans:

“Gender Born, Gender Made – Raising Healthy Gender-Nonconforming Children” – Diane Ehrensaft, 2011.

“Trans-Kin – a Guide for Family & Friends of Transgender People” – edited by Eleanor A. Hubbard & Cameron T. Whitley, 2012.

“You and Your Gender Identity – a Guide to Discovery” – Dara Hoffman-Fox, 2017 - <http://darahoffmanfox.com>

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:

“And Grace Will Lead Me Home,” 2009 Covenant Network Gathering (Presbyterian); Prof. Mark Achtemeier, 11/6/09, 48 min. - <http://bit.ly/youtube-MarkAchtemeier>

“Coming Out as a Gay Mormon,” Seth Anderson, 2011, 6.5 min. - <http://bit.ly/youtube-comingoutgaymormon>

“Zach Wahls Speaks about Family” – to the Iowa State House, 2011, 3 min. - <http://bit.ly/youtube-zachwahlsfamily>

“The Gay Debate – the Bible & Homosexuality,” Matthew Vines, 3/8/12, 67 min. - <http://bit.ly/youtube-MatthewVinesTalk>

“Changing Our Mind” – Prof. David Gushee’s address at Elon University, 4/16/15, 34 min. - <http://bit.ly/youtube-ChangingMindGushee>

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>

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/>

Catholics - Dignity USA – Since 1970, celebrating the wholeness and holiness of LGBTQI Catholics - <https://www.dignityusa.org>

The Denver Chapter's mass: Sundays, 5:00 pm - <http://www.dignitydenver.org/>

Also: Fortunate Families – Since 1992, supporting Catholic families with lesbian daughters and gay sons - <http://www.fortunatefamilies.com/>

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/>

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>

Disciples of Christ – Disciples LGBGTQ+ Alliance - setting a place at the table for persons of all gender and sexual identities - <http://disciplesallianceq.org>

Episcopalians - Integrity - working for the full equality of LGBTQ in every part of the Church - <http://www.integrityusa.org/> Colorado: www.integrity-colorado.org

Evangelicals - Evangelicals Concerned – since 1975, proclaiming the good news of God's love for gay & lesbian people - <http://www.ecinc.org/>

Also, The Evangelical Network (TEN) – an association of LGBTQ affirming evangelical ministries and individuals - <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>

Jews – The World Congress: Keshet Ga'avah (Rainbow of Pride) - <http://gbltjews.org>
Also, Keshet - for LGBTQ equality in Jewish life - <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>

Their *Reconciling in Christ* program recognizes Lutheran congregations that welcome LGBTQ believers with an Affirmation of Welcome statement.

Mennonite - Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests - <http://www.bmclgbt.org/>
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/>

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/>

Mormons (Latter Day Saints) - Affirmation: LGBTQ Mormons, Families & Friends - <http://www.affirmation.org/> Also: Family Fellowship - supportive LDS families - <http://www.ldsfamilyfellowship.org/> Video: "It gets better at BYU" - <http://bit.ly/youtube-betteratBYU> Video: "Coming out as a gay Mormon" - <http://bit.ly/youtube-comingoutgaymormon>

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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Queer Grace - an encyclopedia for LGBTQ & Christian life - <http://queergrace.com>

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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