

Resources

This list is provided as a resource only and is not intended as an endorsement of any individual or organization. There is a continually growing number of online resources available for seeking help and support, as well as researching issues relevant to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex people of faith. We have listed just a few organizations and reading materials here to get you started on this journey.

LGBT and Faith: Support and Community Organizations

Believe Out Loud: An online network that empowers Christians to work for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. Has a great search engine to locate open and affirming Churches in the USA.

www.believeoutloud.com

FreedHearts: A faith-based organization that frees hearts to love, heal, and affirm. Their goal is to help parents, LGBTQI people, and the church to change the human conversation on love and inclusion. www.freedhearts.org

Gay Christian Network: A Christian Ministry offering both online and offline support to LGBT Christians and Allies by creating safe spaces to make friends, ask questions and receive and offer help.

www.gaychristian.net

Inside Out Faith: A organization that seeks to actively engage faith communities in order to educate, affirm and foster support of LGBT persons and their allies.

www.insideoutfaith.org

Intersex and Faith: An organization working together to support, advocate with, and educate others about intersex people to help faith communities welcome those born outside the male/female binary.

www.intersexandfaith.org/

The It Gets Better Project: Communicate to LGBT youth that it gets better, and help create and inspire the changes needed to make it better for them. Watch 1000's of videos with inspiring messages of hope!

www.itgetsbetter.org

LGBT and Faith: Activist and Advocacy Groups

The Reformation Project: The Reformation Project exists to train Christians to support and affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. Through building a deep grassroots movement, they strive to create an environment in which Christian leaders will have

the freedom to take the next steps toward affirming and including LGBT people in all aspects of church life.

www.reformationproject.org

Human Rights Campaign (HRC): HRC's Religion and Faith Program seeks to engage all faith traditions in a deeper dialogue on questions of fairness and equality for LGBT Americans.

www.hrc.org

Soulforce: This is a national non-profit that works nonviolently to end the religious and political oppression of LGBTQ people.

www.soulforce.org

GLAAD Religion, Faith & Values: This program works to amplify the voices of LGBT-affirming communities of faith and LGBT people of faith. They train groups and individuals from a wide range of religions to share their stories locally and throughout mainstream media.

www.glaad.org

The Matthew Shepard Foundation: A foundation empowers individuals to embrace human dignity and diversity through outreach, advocacy and resource programs. We strive to replace hate with understanding, compassion and acceptance.

www.matthewshepard.org

PFLAG: A national non-profit organization made up of parents, families, friends, and straight allies uniting with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, PFLAG is committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education and advocacy. www.pflag.org

Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

1.800.273.TALK (8255)

If you, or someone you know, is in suicidal crisis or emotional distress please call

1.800.273.TALK to be connected to the crisis center in the Lifeline network closest to your location.

National Hopeline Network

www.hopeline.com

1.800.SUICIDE (784.2433)

Dial 1.800.SUICIDE to be seamlessly connected to an available AAS certified crisis center nearest to your calling location.

The Trevor Project

www.thetrevorproject.com

1.866.488.7386

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth.

Recommended Reading on Reconciling Faith and Sexuality:

[Refocusing My Family](#), by Amber Cantorna

[Unclobber](#), by Colby Martin

[Radically Included](#), by Susan Cottrell

[God and the Gay Christian](#), by Matthew Vines

[Changing Our Mind](#), by David P. Gushee

[Walking the Bridgeless Canyon](#), by Kathy Baldock

[Torn](#), by Justin Lee

[Does Jesus Really Love Me?](#), by Jeff Chu

Recommended Reading for Parents of LGBTQ Children:

[Mom, I'm Gay](#), by Susan Cottrell

[Risking Grace](#), by Dave Jackson

Other Recommended Reading:

[What Is the Bible?](#), by Rob Bell

[Facing the Music](#), by Jennifer Knapp

[Accidental Saints](#), by Nadia Boltz Weber

[True Colors](#), by Susan Cottrell

[The Gifts of Imperfection](#), by Brene Brown

[A Bigger Table](#), by John Pavlovitz