

Godly LGBTQ+ Resources

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Summary: I have compiled key resources that will help faith leaders educate themselves on LGBTQ+ identity and be more prepared to support parishioners who are LGBTQ+ or who are family or friends of LGBTQ+ people.

Critical Insights: Sexuality and spirituality are two primary identities for all individuals. For many, these identities have been placed in conflict because of the church's teaching about sexuality.

Particular Challenges: The church has been the primary institution creating alienation, shame, loss of faith, life and family for many LGBTQ+ people and has rarely felt like a safe or supportive place for LGBTQ+ people.

Crisis

TREVOR PROJECT LIFELINE, 866-488-7386 - Crisis intervention & suicide prevention resource for LGBTQ+ youth

Website: www.thetrevorproject.org

24/7 Crisis phone line. TRANS LIFELINE, 877-565-8860 -staffed by transgender people for transgender people.

Website: www.translifeline.org/

Top Resources

For People of Faith Struggling with Faith/Coming out: Q Christian Fellowship: <https://www.qchristian.org>

For Families: Strong Family Alliance: <https://strongfamilyalliance.org>

For Anyone & Everything LGBTQ+: Queer Grace: <http://queergrace.com>

For Theology Questions: Queer Theology: <https://www.queertheology.com>

Basics: The Bible

Recorded speech & transcript (multiple languages): <http://www.matthewvines.com/transcript/>

<https://www.queertheology.com/what-do-we-do-with-the-bible/>

Basic Info: Families of LGBTQ+ People

<https://strongfamilyalliance.org/parent-guide/challenges-ahead/issues-of-faith/>

Welcoming Church Resources

Lutheran

Reconciling Works (www.reconcilingworks.org) - Lutheran: congregations, allies, LGBTQ+ people

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (www.elm.org) - Lutheran: LGBTQ+ rostered leaders

Q Christian Fellowship - LGBTQ+ embracing evangelical, non-denominational fellowship

Many Voices (<http://www.manyvoices.org>) - Black church movement for gay and transgender justice

A La Familia (hrc.org/resources/a-la-familia) - LGBTQ+ inclusive materials created with and for Latina/o/x communities

In Person Events

For LGBTQ+ and questioning youth: The Naming Project, <https://www.thenamingproject.org/>

For LGBTQ+ Luther rostered ministers: Proclaim Gathering, www.elm.org

Book Recommendations

Curated List from Queer Grace Website: <http://queergrace.com/books/>

Mattias Roberts: <http://matthiasroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/LGBTQ-Christian-Reading-List-Matthias-Roberts.pdf>

For Faith Leaders: Matthew Vines, "God and the Gay Christian." (Biblically researched examination)

For LGBTQ+ People: Liz Erdman, "Queer Virtue." (Affirming, positive aspects of queerness and being a person of faith)

For LGBTQ+ Faith Leaders: Joel R. Workin, "Dear God, I'm Gay, Thank You!"