

# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources

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## I. Lutheran web pages

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

*In the drop down menu for **Social Issues**, click on **Sexuality**.*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

[www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca)

*In the drop down menu for **Resources**, click on **Human Sexuality**.*

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries

[www.elm.org](http://www.elm.org)

*An effort to facilitate the ordination of LGBT Lutheran pastors.*

Goodsoil

[www.goodsoil.org](http://www.goodsoil.org)

*Supports full inclusion of LGBT persons in the ELCA denomination.*

Lutherans Concerned/North America

[www.lcna.org](http://www.lcna.org)

*Supports full inclusion of LGBT persons in the ELCA denomination.*

## II. Other religious web pages

Affirmation: Gay and Lesbian Mormons

[www.affirmation.org](http://www.affirmation.org)

*Provides a forum for LGBT Mormons to associate with their peers.*

Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

[www.wabaptists.org](http://www.wabaptists.org)

*A Baptist movement to support LGBT persons in the church.*

Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists (BWARM)

[www.bwarm.org](http://www.bwarm.org)

*A Methodist movement that supports gay persons in the church.*

Believe Out Loud

[www.believeoutloud.com](http://www.believeoutloud.com)

*An interdenominational movement to unite Christians in support of LGBT equality.*

Brethren-Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests

[www.bmclgbt.org](http://www.bmclgbt.org)

*Promotes equality in society and in Brethren and Mennonite communities.*

Catholics for Equality

[www.catholicsforequality.org](http://www.catholicsforequality.org)

*Encourages Catholics to take political action on behalf of the LGBT community.*

Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies

[www.clgs.org](http://www.clgs.org)

*An educational center at the Pacific School of Religion.*

Common Bond

[www.gayxjw.org](http://www.gayxjw.org)

*Supports LGBT members and former members of the Jehovah's Witnesses.*

Created Gay

[www.createdgay.com/def/html](http://www.createdgay.com/def/html)

*Offers support and inspiration to LBGT Christians.*

Dignity USA

[www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org)

*Works for affirmation and dignity for LGBT Catholics.*

Emergence International

[www.emergence-international.org](http://www.emergence-international.org)

*Provides support and education for LGBT Christian Scientists.*

Evangelicals Concerned

[www.ecwr.org](http://www.ecwr.org)

[www.ecinc.org](http://www.ecinc.org)

*Evangelicals providing support to the LGBT community.*

Faith in America

[www.faithinamerica.org](http://www.faithinamerica.org)

*Focuses on religious bigotry against LGBT persons.*

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Concerns

<http://flgbtqc.quaker.org/whatis.html>

*A Quaker organization supportive of LGBT persons.*

Gay Catholic Forum

[www.gaycatholicforum.org](http://www.gaycatholicforum.org)

*Encourages and supports LGBT Catholics.*

Gay Church  
[www.gaychurch.org](http://www.gaychurch.org)  
*Ministers to the LGBT Christian community.*

Gays in Faith Together  
[www.gaysinfaithtogether.org](http://www.gaysinfaithtogether.org)  
*A regional organization of Christian LGBT persons.*

GALA – Gay and Lesbian Acceptance  
[www.galaweb.org](http://www.galaweb.org)  
*An organization supportive of LGBT persons in the Community of Christ.*

Gay Christian Network  
[www.gaychristiannetwork.net](http://www.gaychristiannetwork.net)  
*A ministry serving LGBT Christians.*

Gay Christian 101  
[www.gaychristian101.com](http://www.gaychristian101.com)  
*Gives voice to conservative gay evangelicals.*

GLAD Alliance  
[www.gladalliance.org](http://www.gladalliance.org)  
*Welcomes and affirms LGBT persons in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).*

Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation  
<http://huc.edu/ijso>  
*Founded at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion to educate on LGBT issues and to challenge homophobia and heterosexism.*

Institute for Welcoming Resources  
[www.welcomingresources.org](http://www.welcomingresources.org)  
*Working toward welcoming and inclusive Christian churches.*

Integrity USA  
[www.integrityusa.org](http://www.integrityusa.org)  
*Working for full inclusion of LGBT persons in the Episcopal Church.*

Jeff Herman Virtual Resource Center  
<http://elearning.huc.edu/jhvrc>  
*Contains the largest online gathering of articles, texts, and websites on Judaism and LGBT topics in the world.*

LGBT Religious Archives Network

[www.lgbtran.org](http://www.lgbtran.org)

*Preserves the history and encourages the study of LGBT movements around the religious world.*

Mel White

[www.melwhite.org](http://www.melwhite.org)

*A gay minister discusses his life and faith.*

More Light Presbyterians

[www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)

*Seeks full equality for LGBT members of the Presbyterian Church (USA).*

Metropolitan Community Churches

[www.mccchurch.org](http://www.mccchurch.org)

*Provides a primary, positive ministry for LGBT persons.*

National Gay Pentecostal Alliance

[www.lgbtspirit.org](http://www.lgbtspirit.org)

*A gay-friendly Pentecostal organization.*

No Longer Silent – Clergy for Justice

[www.nolongersilent.org](http://www.nolongersilent.org)

*Clergy share an alternative Christian position on homosexuality.*

Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance

[www.religioustolerance.org/homqlance.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/homqlance.htm)

*The Bible and homosexuality.*

Out in Scripture

<http://sites.hrc.org/scripture/index.asp>

*Resources for an honest encounter between LGBT lives and the Bible.*

Out in Season

<http://sites.hrc.org/scripture/seasonhome.asp>

*A transgender encounter with the church year.*

Progressive Christian Alliance

[www.progressivechristianalliance.org](http://www.progressivechristianalliance.org)

*A trans-denominational organization supporting radical inclusiveness in the Christian faith.*

Reconciling Ministries Network

[www.rmnetwork.org](http://www.rmnetwork.org)

*A United Methodist effort to include LGBT persons in the church.*

Religion Online

[www.religion-online.org/listbycategory.asp?Cat=58](http://www.religion-online.org/listbycategory.asp?Cat=58)

*Provides the full text of many scholarly articles concerning religious positions on the subject of homosexuality.*

Religious Institute

[www.religiousinstitute.org](http://www.religiousinstitute.org)

*Seeks to change the way America understands the relationship of religion and sexuality.*

Resources for Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews.

[www.orthogays.org](http://www.orthogays.org)

*Information and resources for LGBT Jews.*

Reverend Irene Monroe!

[www.irenemonroe.com](http://www.irenemonroe.com)

*Informs the public of the role religion plays in discrimination against LGBT people.*

Room for All

[www.roomforall.com](http://www.roomforall.com)

*Supports, educates, and advocates for the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the Reformed Church in America.*

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International

[www.sdakinship.org](http://www.sdakinship.org)

*Champions human rights for all, including LGBT persons.*

Steps to Recovery from Bible Abuse

[www.otkenyer.hu/truluck/](http://www.otkenyer.hu/truluck/)

*A gay Baptist minister on misuse of the Bible to ostracize LGBT persons.*

That All May Freely Serve

[www.tamfs.org](http://www.tamfs.org)

*A Presbyterian organization supporting the ordination of LGBT persons.*

Time to Embrace

<http://timetoembrace.com>

*A Presbyterian minister reflects of marriage, ordination, and the place of LGBT faithful in the church.*

Unitarian Universalist Church

[www.uua.org/lgbt](http://www.uua.org/lgbt)

*Support for LGBT persons.*

United Church of Christ  
[www.ucc.org/lgbt](http://www.ucc.org/lgbt)  
*Encourages full welcome to LGBT persons.*

United Church of Christ Coalition for LGBT Concerns  
[www.ucccoalition.org](http://www.ucccoalition.org)  
*Provides sanctuary and support for all LGBT persons and their families and friends.*

Welcoming and Affirming Baptists  
[www.wabaptists.org](http://www.wabaptists.org)  
[www.rainbowbaptists.org](http://www.rainbowbaptists.org)  
*Support and education for LGBT Baptists.*

World Congress of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Jews  
[www.glbtejews.org](http://www.glbtejews.org)  
*Envisions an environment in which LGBT Jews worldwide can enjoy free and fulfilling lives.*

### **III. Other websites**

ACT on Principles  
[www.actonprinciples.org](http://www.actonprinciples.org)  
*Tracks federal legislation regarding LGBT civil rights.*

American Psychological Association  
[www.apa.org/topics/sexuality/orientation.aspx](http://www.apa.org/topics/sexuality/orientation.aspx)  
[www.apa.org/topics/sexuality/transgender.aspx](http://www.apa.org/topics/sexuality/transgender.aspx)  
*Scientific information on sexual behavior.*

Band of Thebes  
<http://bandofthebes.typepad.com/bandofthebes>  
*Features writing by LGBT authors.*

Black, White & Gay in America  
[www.blackwhiteandgay.com](http://www.blackwhiteandgay.com)  
*Aims to create a dialogue about the legal, religious, psychological, and human experiences of being gay.*

COLAGE  
[www.colage.org](http://www.colage.org)  
*Supporting those who have LGBT parents.*

Creating Change Conference - 2012

[www.creatingchange.org](http://www.creatingchange.org)

*This conference is scheduled for January 2012 in Baltimore.*

endaNOW

[www.endanow.com](http://www.endanow.com)

*Seeking federal legislation ending employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.*

Equality Maryland

[www.equalitymaryland.org](http://www.equalitymaryland.org)

*Lobbies for equal protection under the law for LGBT persons in Maryland.*

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/gaymarriageusa](http://www.facebook.com/gaymarriageusa)

*Social networking on the issue of gay marriage.*

Freedom to Marry

[www.freedomtomarry.org](http://www.freedomtomarry.org)

*Supports LGBT Marriage*

Gay Marriage

<http://gaymarriage.procon.org>

*Examines the different positions on this sociopolitical issue.*

Get Busy, Get Equal

<http://gbge.aclu.org>

*Promotes the passing of laws passed protecting LGBT people and their relationships.*

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network

[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

*Works to assure safety in schools for all persons.*

Gender Rights Maryland

[www.genderrightsmaryland.org](http://www.genderrightsmaryland.org)

*Promotes equality for all regardless of sex and gender identity/expression.*

Genderfork

[www.genderfork.com](http://www.genderfork.com)

*Supports the expression of identities across the gender spectrum.*

Get Equal

[www.getequal.org](http://www.getequal.org)

*Pursues equality for LGBT persons.*

Gay Lesbian Alliance against Defamation

[www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org)

*Provides media support for LGBT persons.*

Human Rights Campaign

[www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)

*Works toward equal rights for LGBT Americans.*

In the Life Media

[www.itlmedia.org](http://www.itlmedia.org)

*Produces television programs on the gay experience.*

Leslie/Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art

[www.leslielohman.org](http://www.leslielohman.org)

*Located in New York City, the museum provides an outlet for art work that speaks directly to gay and lesbian sensibilities.*

LGBT Aging Project

[www.lgbtagingproject.org](http://www.lgbtagingproject.org)

*Advocacy, education, and outreach for LGBT elders and caregivers.*

Maryland Black Family Alliance

[www.marylandbfa.org](http://www.marylandbfa.org)

*Seeks to frame the discourse among Black Marylanders concerning same-sex civil marriage.*

Movement Advancement Project

[www.lgbtmap.org](http://www.lgbtmap.org)

*Provides research to help find equality for LGBT persons.*

National Center for Lesbian Rights

[www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org)

*Seeks to advance civil and human rights for LGBT persons.*

National Center for Transgender Equality

[www.transequality.org](http://www.transequality.org)

*Advocacy, collaboration, and empowerment.*

National Coalition for LGBT Health

<http://lgbthealth.webolutionary.com>

*Committed to improving the health of LGBT individuals through federal advocacy focused on research, policy, education, and training.*

No Dumb Questions

[www.nodumbquestions.com](http://www.nodumbquestions.com)

*A film on gender transition suitable for faith and educational communities.*



Out & Equal

[www.outandequal.org](http://www.outandequal.org)

*Supporting workplace equality for LGBT persons.*

OutServe

[www.outserve.org](http://www.outserve.org)

[www.outservemag.com](http://www.outservemag.com)

*Supports LGBT persons actively serving in the U.S. armed forces.*

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

[www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)

[www.pflagbaltimore.org](http://www.pflagbaltimore.org)

[www.pflagmd.org](http://www.pflagmd.org)

*A grassroots network supporting LGBT citizens across the U.S.*

Pink News

[www.pinknews.co.uk](http://www.pinknews.co.uk)

*A world-wide gay news service.*

Project 10

[www.project10east.org](http://www.project10east.org)

[www.project10.org](http://www.project10.org)

*Envisions LGBT students as fully included and affirmed in the public school environment where justice, equality, and respect for all prevail.*

Soulforce

[WWW.Soulforce.org](http://WWW.Soulforce.org)

*Seeks to end religious and political oppression of LGBT people.*

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/homosexuality>

*Philosophical and historical views on homosexuality.*

Transgender Law and Policy Institute

[www.transgenderlaw.org](http://www.transgenderlaw.org)

[www.transgenderlaw.org/links.htm](http://www.transgenderlaw.org/links.htm)

*Legal advocacy for transgender persons.*

TransYouth Family Allies

[www.imatyfa.org](http://www.imatyfa.org)

*Empowers children and families to partner with educators and service providers in building supportive environments for transgender youth.*

The Trevor Project

[www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org)

*Provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBT youth.*

United ENDA

[www.unitedenda.org](http://www.unitedenda.org)

*A coalition of organizations committed to federal legislation granting workplace equality to LGBT persons.*

Victory Fund

[www.victoryfund.org](http://www.victoryfund.org)

*Supports the election of LGBT public officials.*

Vimeo

[www.vimeo.com/user1843524/videos/sort:likes](http://www.vimeo.com/user1843524/videos/sort:likes)

*A series of short videos produced by a lesbian couple.*

Wikipedia

[www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homosexuality\\_and\\_Christianity](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homosexuality_and_Christianity)

[www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBTmattersandChristianity#Transgenderism](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBTmattersandChristianity#Transgenderism)

*Detailed information on controversial matters.*

#### **IV. Foundations**

Funders for LGBTQ Issues

[www.lgbtfunders.org](http://www.lgbtfunders.org)

*Mobilizes philanthropic resources that enhance the well being of the LGBT community.*

Gill Foundation

[www.gillfoundation.org](http://www.gillfoundation.org)

*Provides funding for programs that promote equality for LGBT persons.*

Horizons Foundation

[www.horizonsfoundation.org](http://www.horizonsfoundation.org)

*Provides funding for a variety of LGBT programs.*

Point Foundation

[www.pointfoundation.org](http://www.pointfoundation.org)

*Provides financial support, mentoring, and leadership training to students marginalized due to their LGBT identities.*

Pride Foundation

[www.pridefoundation.org](http://www.pridefoundation.org)

*Supports organizations, leaders, and students who are creating LGBT equality.*

## V. Books

Boswell, John. Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality. University of Chicago Press, c1980. *Challenges preconceptions about the Christian church's past relationships with LGBT persons from the beginning of the Christian era to the fourteenth century.*

Boylan, Jennifer Finney. She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders. Broadway Books, c2003. *A married college professor discusses her transition from male to female.*

DeGeneres, Betty. Love, Ellen: A Mother/Daughter Journey. Rob Weisbach Books, c1999. *Ellen DeGeneres' mother speaks about her advocacy for LGBT persons.*

Griffin, Carolyn Welsh. Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbians and Gays Talk about Their Experiences. Rev. and updated ed. St. Martin's Press, c1996. *Parents speak out about their experiences.*

Gudorf, Christine E. Body, Sex, and Pleasure: Reconstructing Christian Sexual Ethics. Pilgrim Press, c1994. *A theologian advocates a sweeping challenge to traditional Christian teaching on sexual roles, activities, and relationships.*

It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living. Ed. by Dan Savage and Terry Miller. Dutton, 2011. *Many contributors to this project describe how they overcame youthful LGBT bullying and discrimination and found success.*

Rogers, Jack. Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explore the Myths, Heal the Church. Rev. edition. Westminster John Knox, c2009. *A Presbyterian theologian explores the topic with an aim to healing divisions.*

Ryan, Christopher and Cacilda Jetha. Sex at Dawn: The Prehistoric Origins. Harper Collins, 2010. *A scientific examination of the origins and nature of sexuality.*

Sullivan, Andrew. Virtually Normal: An Argument about Homosexuality. Alfred Knopf, c1995. *Describes sociopolitical positions on homosexuality taken by four groups: prohibitionists, liberationists, conservatives, and liberals.*

White, Mel. Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America. Simon & Schuster, c1994. *A gay minister's autobiography and spiritual manifesto.*

Wright, Chely. Like Me: Confessions of a Country Singer. Pantheon Books, c2010. *A popular recording artist recalls her career and her struggles to accept being lesbian.*