

Resources for LGBTQ+ People and Allies

The following list of resources makes the case for full affirmation and inclusion in all aspects of the society and Church. I am a United Methodist, so in section three, I have organized resources according to the categories found in the Wesleyan quadrilateral.

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(1) Places to Begin

Kathy Baldock, 'Walking the Bridgeless Canyon'
Jim Dant, 'This I Know: A Simple Biblical Defense for LGBTQ Christians'
Steve Harper, 'Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality'
Justin Lee, 'Torn'
Matthew Vines, 'God and the Gay Christian'

(2) Next-Step Reads

David Gushee, 'Changing Our Minds,' 3rd Edition
Karen Keen, 'Scripture, Ethics, and the Possibility of Same-Sex Relationships'
Dan Via's section in 'Homosexuality and the Bible: Two Views'

(3) Resources Linked to the Wesleyan Quadrilateral

--Scripture

Mark Achtemeier, 'The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage'
Robert Brawley, ed., 'Biblical Ethics and Homosexuality:
Listening to Scripture'
James Brownson, 'God, Gender, and Sexuality'
Richard Freeman & Shawna Dolansky, 'The Bible Now'
Luke Timothy Johnson, 'The Living Gospel' (chapter 8)
Jennifer Knust, 'Unprotected Texts'
William Loader, 'Sexuality and the New Testament'
Dale Martin, 'Sex and the Single Savior: Gender and Sexuality
in Biblical Interpretation'
Linda Patterson, 'Hate Thy Neighbor: How the Bible is Misused
to Condemn Homosexuality'
Walter Wink, 'Homosexuality and the Bible'

--Tradition

Cheryl Anderson, 'Ancient Laws and Contemporary Controversies'
James Boswell, 'Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality'
K.J. Dover, 'Greek Sexuality'
David Garrison, 'Sexual Culture in Ancient Greece'
Judith Hallett, 'Roman Sexualities'
Frank Mondimore, 'A Natural History of Homosexuality'
Marilyn B. Skinner, 'Sexuality in Greek and Roman Cultures,' 2nd Edition
Craig Williams, 'Roman Sexuality'

--Reason (Theology)

Megan Shanon DeFranza, 'Sex Differences in Christian Theology'
Jack David Rogers, 'Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality'
Robert Song, 'Covenant and Calling'

--Reason (Science)

Jacques Balthazart, 'The Biology of Homosexuality'
Jerold Greenberg, 'Exploring Dimensions of Human Sexuality'
Evelyn Killen, 'Reflections on Gender and Science'
Justin Lehmler, 'The Psychology of Human Sexuality'
Simon LeVay, 'Gay, Straight, and the Reason Why,' 2nd Edition
Michael Regier, 'Science, Scripture, and Same-Sex Love'
Elizabeth Reis, 'Bodies in Doubt'
Anne Sterling, 'Myths of Gender'

--Experience

Amber Contorna: 'Unashamed: A Coming Out Guide for LGBTQ Christians'
Susan Cottrell, 'Radically Included' and 'Mom, I'm Gay'
Chris Glaser, 'Coming Out as Sacrament'
Steve Harper, 'For the Sake of the Bride'
James Martin, 'Building a Bridge'
Tim Otto, 'Oriented to Love'
E.T. Sundby, 'Calling the Rainbow Nation Home'
Mel White, 'Stranger at the Gate'

(4) Video Resources

Rob Fuquay, 'Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality. And The United Methodist Church' (available from The Richard And Julia Wilke Institute for Discipleship)

Steve Harper, "Draw the Circle Wider: How I Changed My Mind" (available on YouTube @ "Steve Harper Methodist")

Steve Harper, "A Hermeneutic of Love" (FUMC Orlando) (available on YouTube @ "Steve Harper Methodist")

(5) Blog Sites

Steve Harper, series entitled "Holy Love"—posts follow and expand on the book by the same title (www.oboedire.com)

(6) Additional Resource Sites (book lists, audio/video, communities, etc)

"LGBTQ+ Christian Reading Guide" (Matthias Roberts)
--www.matthiasroberts.com/readingguide/

Queer Grace (Emmy Kegler)
--www.queergrace.com

QSpirit (Kittredge Cherry)
--www.qspirit.com

(7) Ministries

Canyonwalker Connections (Kathy Baldock)

FreedHearts (Susan Cottrell)
--resources for parents of LGBTQ children

Human Rights Campaign
--a broad-based LGBTQ advocacy group

Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist)
--their website has links to many other ministries-

Redwood Spiritual Care (Karen Keen)

The Reformation Project (Matthew Vines)

(8) Other Specific Topics

--Marriage

Phillip Cramer & William Harbison, 'The Fight for Marriage'

Chris Glaser, 'As My Own Soul: The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage'

Karen Keen's book, noted above

Scott McQueen, 'Reasonable Doubt: A Case for LGBTQ Inclusion In the Institutions of Marriage and Church'

--Transgender People

Austin Hartke, 'Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians'

--Resources for Parents of LGBTQ+ Children

Telaina Ericksen, 'Unconditional—A Guide to Loving and Supporting Your LGBTQ Child,'

Greg and Lynn McDonald, 'Embracing the Journey: A Christian Parents' Guide to Loving Your LGBTQ Child'

Additional resources from. PFLAG

This is an in-process list of resources. If you know of others which should be included, contact me at oboediresite@gmail.com

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