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Resource Guide

BOOKS, CURRICULA, & STUDY GUIDES

A Theology of Gay and Lesbian Inclusion: Love Letters to the Church
Hanway, D. G. Haworth Pastoral Press: 2006.

A Time to Seek: Study Guide on Sexual and Gender Diversity
Timothy Palmer and Rev. Debra W. Haffner
www.religioust institute.org/timetoseek.html

A Whosoever Church: Welcoming Lesbians and Gay Men into African American Congregations
Comstock, Gary. Westminster John Knox: 2001.

Always My Child: A Parent's Guide to Understanding Your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered or Questioning Son or Daughter
Jennings, Kevin & Pat Shapiro. Free Press: 2003.

Anti-Gay Equals Anti-God: A Minister of the Assemblies of God Explains How the Evangelical Church Has Things Wrong
Behrens, Samuel D. Alamo Square Press: 2006.

At the Crossroads: African-American Attitudes, Perceptions, and Beliefs toward Marriage Equality
A Report by the National Black Justice Coalition in Partnership with Freedom to Marry.
www.nbjcoalition.org/news/marriage_report.pdf

Called to Equality: Considering Marriage Equality
Two 1-hour sessions created to live into God's call for justice in the public sphere.
www.ucccoalition.org/resources/

Christianity and Homosexuality — Some Seventh-day Adventist Perspectives
Ed. David Ferguson, Fritz Guy, and David Larson. Adventist Forum: 2008.

Claiming the Promise — Study Guide: An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study on Homosexuality

Ed. Mary Jo Osterman. A curriculum on the Bible and homosexuality which includes both a study book and a leader's guide and can be used for group or individual study. Created by Reconciling Ministries Network.
www.rmnetwork.org/store.asp

Gay Theology Without Apology
Comstock, Gary. Pilgrim Press: 1993.

Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities: A Congregational Guide for Transgender Advocacy
www.hrc.org/issues/religion/11618.htm

God Is Still Speaking, about Marriage: Study and Discussion Guide (Revised June 2008) and Resource Collection
www.ucc.org/lgbt/pdfs/god-is-still-speaking-about-marriage-rvsc-june-2008.pdf
www.ucc.org/assets/pdfs/mdgr.pdf

God's Other Children; A Spiritual Journey in Gay Life
Molina, Tara L. Authorhouse: 2005.

The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart
Gomes, Peter J. William Morrow and Company: 1996.

The Gospel of Inclusion: Reaching Beyond Religious Fundamentalism to the True Love of God and Self
Pearson, Bishop Carlton. Atria Books: 2008.

Holy Conversations: Talking About Homosexuality
Oliveto, Karen P., Kelly D. Turney, Traci C. West.
Reconciling Ministries Network.

Over the course of 6 sessions, through conversation, study, and exercises, participants reflect on their Christian beliefs and personal experiences guided by the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Facilitator's guide included.

www.rmnetwork.org/store.asp

Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price

Ed. Blumenfeld, Warren. Beacon Press: 1992.

Homosexuality and Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Churches

Ed. Wink, Walter. Augsburg Fortress Publishers: 1999.

How I Changed My Mind

Tuell, Bishop Jack M. Reconciling Ministries Network: 2003.

www.rmnetwork.org/other.asp

In the Name of the Family: Rethinking Family Values in the Postmodern Age

Stacey, Judith. Beacon Press: 1996.

Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality, Revised and Expanded Edition: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church

Rogers, Jack. Westminster Press: 2009.

Jumping the Broom: A Black Perspective on Same-Gender Marriage

National Black Justice Coalition

www.nbjcoalition.org/jump_broom1.pdf

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Identities and Youth

Ed. D'Augelli, Antony R. and Charlotte J. Patterson. Oxford University Press: 2001.

Listening to the Spirit: A Handbook for Discernment

Ed. Paulsell, William O. Chalice Press: 2002.

Living Lovingly: Talking About Marriage Equality from a Faith Perspective — A study guide for congregations

Pickens-Jones, Rev. Dr. Linda. California Council of Churches: 2008.

www.calchurches.org/marriage

More Than Welcome: Learning to Embrace Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons in the Church

Waun, Maureen C. Chalice Press: 1999.

Our Chosen Faith

Buehrens, John and Forrest Church. Beacon Press: 1998.

Pastoral Care of Gays, Lesbians, and Their Families: Creative Pastoral Care and Counseling Series

Switzer, David K.

Augsburg Fortress Publisher: 1999.

Same-Sex Marriage? A Christian Ethical Analysis

Ellison, Marvin. Pilgrim Press: 2004.

Sex Texts from the Bible: Selections Annotated and Explained

Hornsby, Teresa J. Sky Light Paths Publishing: 2007.

Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse

Ed. Olyan, Saul M. and Martha C. Nussbaum. Oxford University Press: 1998.

The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love

Spong, John Shelby. Harper Collins: 2005.

Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America

White, Mel. Plume: 1995.

Talking about Homosexuality: A Congregational Resource

Oliveto, Karen P., Kelly D. Turney & Traci C. West. Pilgrim Press: 2005.

Taking a Chance on God: Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians, and Their Lovers, Families, and Friends

McNeill, John J. Beacon: 1996.

Their Own Receive Them Not: African-American Lesbians and Gays in Black Churches

Griffin, Dr. Horace L. Pilgrim Press: 2006.

Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry and Communities of Faith

Tanis, Justin. Pilgrim Press: 2003.

What God Has Joined Together? The Christian Case for Gay Marriage

Myers, David and Scanzoni, Letha Dawson. Harper Collins: 2006.

What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality
Helminiak, David A. Alamo Square Press: 2000.

What the Bible Says — and Doesn't Say — About Homosexuality

White, Rev. Dr. Mel. Soulforce.

www.soulforce.org/article/homosexuality-bible

Where the Edge Gathers: Building a Community of Radical Inclusion

Flunder, Yvette A. Pilgrim Press: 2005.

Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay People's Right to Marry

Wolfson, Evan. Simon & Schuster: 2005.

Will the Gay Issue Go Away?

Jech, Carl L. Publish America: 2002.

With Listening Hearts: Understanding the Voices of Lesbian and Gay Catholics

Liuzzi, Peter J. Paulist Press: 2001.

FILMS

All God's Children (1996)

Through the voices of politicians, religious leaders, academics, families and activists, this documentary by Dee Mosbacher, Frances Reid and Sylvia Rhue analyzes sexual orientation within the context of the traditional African-American church.

Study guide available.

www.womanvision.org/all-gods-children.html

Anyone and Everyone (2007)

This documentary captures a unique cross-cultural representation of families from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds coming to terms with a gay or lesbian family member.

www.anyoneandeveryone.com

Call Me Malcolm (2004)

This 90-minute documentary captures Malcolm's personal struggles and those of the transgender community, focusing on gender identity as it relates to matters of faith, spirituality, vocation and personhood. A film that all can relate to, about discerning, discovering and celebrating one's identity. Study guide available.

www.callmemalcolm.com

Camp Out (2006)

These TV broadcast episodes document the first LGBT Christian youth camp in Minnesota. Full episodes available online.

www.campoutmovie.com

Coming Out — Coming In: Faith, Identity and Belonging (2005)

This 30-minute documentary gives voice to gay and lesbian Christians who have struggled to reconcile faith with orientation. Intended for use by congregations, study groups, and Sunday School classes to provide a launching point for safe and productive dialogue. Study guide included.

www.rmnetwork.org/booksdvds.asp

De Colores (2001)

Bilingual documentary featuring Latino families and their efforts to break cultural barriers and replace homophobia with love and acceptance. Study guide available.

www.unlearninghomophobia.com/decolores.htm

For the Bible Tells Me So (2007)

Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families -- including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson -- we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, *For the Bible Tells Me So* offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity. Two study guides offered: 1) Moderate - Conservative Discussion Guide, and 2) the HRC Discussion Guide.

www.forthebibletellsmeso.org

www.forthebibletellsmeso.org/resources.htm

In God's House: Asian American Lesbian & Gay Families in the Church (2006)

Lesbian and gay Asian Americans and their families worship and serve in churches every day. Where are their voices? This honest and thought-provoking film tells a story that churches needs to hear: that of Asian American Christian lesbian and gay people, their pastors, and their parents. Length: 32 minutes. Study guide available.

www.ingodshouse.com

In The Life (ongoing)

Webisodes / TV broadcasts that documents the full range of the gay experience and the issues that impact our lives and our communities through stories on politics and public policy, personal and community health, religion and spirituality, and more.

www.inthelifetv.org

Prayers for Bobby (2009)

Based on a true story, this Lifetime film focuses on a deeply religious family in Walnut Creek, CA not coming to terms with their son's homosexuality, largely due to his mother's religious views on homosexuality. The son eventually kills himself, tearing the family apart. We then follow the mother who finally reconciles with her son's homosexuality and her faith (through PFLAG, being introduced to a welcoming church, etc.) Starring Sigourney Weaver. Available to purchase on iTunes.

www.prayersforbobby.com

www.mylifetime.com/on-tv/movies/prayers-bobby

Sacred Covenants, Faithful Conversations: A DVD resource for talking about marriage equality (2005)

United Church of Christ. Comes with discussion guide.

www.ucccoalition.org/resources/topics/videos

Tal Como Somos / Just As We Are (2007)

This bilingual (eng/sp) 70-minute full documentary or 34-minute educational film showcases individuals who dare to risk it all to live -- and be loved -- for their truth, exposing the realities of living within a culture where strong beliefs about sexual identity mean condemnation and rejection for those whose sexual orientation or manner is different. Discussion guide included.

ffh.films.com/id/15508/Tal_Como_Somos_The_Latino_GBT_Community.htm

The Truth Will Set You Free (in production)

With the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson as the centerpiece, *The Truth Will Set You Free* follows the Anglican Communion in arguably its most historic chapter since Henry VIII broke from the Roman Catholic Church for the right to divorce in 1538. But it's not just a film about Rt. Rev. Robinson and the Church. It's about civil rights. Film director Macky Alston will continue to follow the ministry of Bishop Robinson through 2009. For updates on the film, visit:

www.hartleyfoundation.org/truth-will-set-you-free

WEB RESOURCES

California

**Bay Area Coalition of Welcoming
Congregations (CWC)**
www.clgs.org/bay-area-cwc

California Council of Churches
www.calchurches.org
California Faith for Equality
www.cafaithforequality.org
United Against Hate
www.unitedagainsth8.org

Denomination-specific

BAPTIST
Alliance of Baptists
www.allianceofbaptists.org
**The Association of Welcoming and Affirming
Baptists, American Baptists USA**
www.wabaptists.org

PRESBYTERIAN (PCUSA)
Covenant Network
www.covenantnetwork.org
More Light Presbyterians
www.mlp.org

CATHOLIC
DignityUSA
www.dignityusa.org

LUTHERAN (ELCA)
Lutherans Concerned
www.lcna.org

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
**Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples (GLAD)
Alliance, Inc.**
www.gladalliance.org

EPISCOPAL
Integrity USA
www.integrityusa.org

METHODIST
Reconciling Ministries Network
www.rmnetwork.org

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA
Room for All (RCA)
www.roomforall.org

BRETHREN/MENNONITE
**Supportive Congregation Network of the
Brethren/Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests**
www.bmclgbt.org

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UCC Coalition
www.uccCoalition.org
UCC National Office
www.ucc.org

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
Welcoming Community Network
www.welcomingcommunitynetwork.org

National

ADVOCACY & ACTIVISM
American Civil Liberties Union
www.aclu.org
**Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
(GLAAD)**
www.glaad.org
Human Rights Campaign (HRC)
www.hrc.org
Interfaith Alliance
www.interfaithalliance.org
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
www.civilrights.org
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF)
www.theTaskForce.org
**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and
Gays (PFLAG)**
www.pflag.org
People for the American Way (PFAW)
www.pfaw.org
**Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
(RCRC)**
www.rcrc.org
**Sexuality Information and Education Council of
the United States**
www.siecus.org
Soulforce
www.soulforce.org

FAITH-BASED RESOURCES
Auburn Media Group
www.auburnmedia.org
**Center for Lesbian & Gay Studies in Religion &
Ministry (CLGS)**
www.clgs.org
Institute for Welcoming Resources
www.welcomingresources.org
**Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice,
and Healing**
www.religiousinstitute.org
**T.E.A.C.H. (To Educate Against the
Consequences of Homophobia)**
www.teach-ministries.org

YOUTH
Advocates for Youth
www.advocatesforyouth.org
**GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education
Network)**
www.glsen.org
National Coalition for GLBT Youth (OutProud)
www.outproud.org
National Youth Advocacy Coalition
www.nyacyouth.org
Progressive Christians Uniting
www.progressivechristiansuniting.org
Talking With Kids About Tough Issues
www.talkingwithkids.org
We Are Family
www.waf.org