



Multi-Faith LGBTQ Organizations & Resources

This list may offer helpful info and links to additional resources on LGBTQ communities, support, and spirituality.

For Christians

- **Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists** - www.awab.org
The Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists is the only organization devoted to supporting LGBT Baptists and allies. Striving to support churches, organizations, and individuals who are committed to full inclusion of LGBT Baptists in church life and mission.
- **Believe Out Loud** - www.believeoutloud.com
Believe Out Loud is an online community that empowers Christians to work for LGBTQ equality.
- **Dignity USA** - www.dignityusa.org
Dignity USA is a chapter-based nonprofit serving LGBT Catholics and their allies. They stress the need to provide safe space where LGBT Catholics and their allies can share personal and spiritual concerns, participate in the sacramental life of the Church, and focus on education and social justice issues.
- **Equally Blessed** - www.equallyblessed.org
Equally Blessed is a coalition of faithful Catholics who support full equality for LGBT people in the church and civil society.
- **Fortunate Families** - www.fortunatefamilies.com
Grounded in Catholic tradition, Fortunate Families ministers primarily with Catholic parents of LGBT children but welcomes families of all faiths. When parents explore and value their personal stories, they are empowered to share that story with their family circle, their faith community and the larger society.
- **Fellowship of Reconciling Pentecostals International** - www.rpifellowship.com
The Fellowship of Reconciling Pentecostals International is a network of Pentecostal ministers, churches, and ministries.
- **The Gay Christian Network** - www.gaychristian.net
The Gay Christian Network (GCN) is a nonprofit ministry for LGBT Christians and their allies. It provides an online community for support, an annual conference, organizes local Bible Study, and a database of welcoming congregations/resources.
- **Integrity USA** - www.integrityusa.org
Integrity is a nonprofit organization of LGBT Episcopalians and our straight friends. Integrity has been the leading grassroots voice for the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the Episcopal Church.
- **My T Spirit** - www.mytspirit.tumblr.com
My T Spirit is a collection of images and stories of transgender and Christian people.
- **Queer Grace** - www.queergrace.com
An online encyclopedia for LGBTQ and Christian life. Has numerous resources, book lists, stories, and a church finder.
- **Reconciling Ministries Network** - www.rmnetwork.org
The Reconciling Ministries Network is focused on mobilizing United Methodists of all sexual orientations and gender identities to transform our Church and world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love.
- **ReconcilingWorks** - www.reconcilingworks.org
Working at the intersection of oppressions, ReconcilingWorks (formerly Lutherans Concerned) embodies, inspires, advocates and organizes for the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities within the Lutheran communion and its partners.
- **Seventh-day Adventist Kinship** - www.sdakinship.org
SDA Kinship's mission is to provide support and guidance to LGBT Seventh-day Adventists and their friends, families, and allies. They strive to promote understanding of LGBT issues within the SDA community through education and advocacy work.
- **UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns** - www.openandaffirming.org
The Coalition provides support and sanctuary to LGBT people, their families and friends; advocates for their full inclusion in church and society; and brings Christ's affirming message of love and justice for all people.

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For Muslims

- **Al-Fatiha Foundation** - www.al-fatiha.org
Dedicated to Muslims who are LGBT, intersex, questioning, those exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity, and their allies, families and friends. Al-Fatiha promotes the progressive Islamic notions of peace, equality and justice.
- **Council on American-Islamic Relations** - www.cair-net.org
CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.
- **Imaan** - www.imaanlondon.wordpress.com
Based in the UK, Imaan strives to provide support for LGBT Muslims, their families, and their allies. Imaan promotes the Islamic values of peace, social justice, and tolerance by providing a safe space and support network meant to address issues of sexual orientation and gender identity within Islam.
- **Irshad Manji** - www.irshadmanji.com/sexuality
Irshad Manji is the founder of the Moral Courage Project at New York University. She is an advocate of a reform and progressive interpretation of Islam and advocates for the LGBT community. This section of her website has links to the transcripts from speeches that she has given that discuss both the ecumenical and Islamic perspective on whether or not LGBT Muslims can be true to themselves and their faith.
- **Islamic Society of North America** - www.isna.net
The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) provides many invaluable services to the Muslim community of North America. Most manifest of course, is the ISNA Annual Convention, which, since its very inception has been a meeting place of people and ideas. In addition to building bridges of understanding and cooperation within the diversity that is Islam in America, ISNA is now playing a pivotal role in extending those bridges to include all people of faith.
- **Muslims for Progressive Values** - www.mpvusa.org/lgbtq_rights.html
MPV endorses the human rights, civil rights and civil liberties of LGBT individuals.
- **Muslim Public Affairs Council** - www.mpac.org
The Muslim Public Affairs Council is a public service agency working for the civil rights of American Muslims, for the integration of Islam into American pluralism, and for a positive, constructive relationship between American Muslims and their representatives.
- **Queer Muslim Revolution** - www.queermuslimrevolution.blogspot.com
Founded in 2007, this blog that collects progressive news, information, and resources for LGBT Muslims as well as their families and friends. They also have great information about books, movies, and documentaries that deal with the topic of sexual orientation and gender identity within Islam.
- **Queer Muslims** - www.queermuslims.tumblr.com
Queer Muslims is a blog meant to provide space for LGBT Muslims to express themselves, share information and resources, and connect with one another. They explicitly ban name calling, debate about Islamic texts, or negative comments.
- **Salaam: Queer Muslim Community of Canada** - www.salaamcanada.info
Based in Canada, Salaam is an organization that serves LGBT Muslims as well as their family and friends. They have a number of support groups that meet throughout Canada to discuss diverse subjects that relate to sexual orientation, religion, and spirituality. They also maintain a list of open and inclusive Mosques through el-Tawhid Juma Circle Mosques.

For Mormons

- **Affirmation** - www.affirmation.org
Affirmation is an organization for LGBT Mormons as well as their families and allies. They strive to provide a safe space where gay Mormons can ask questions, find answers, and connect with others who have gone through similar experiences.
- **Family Fellowship** - www.ldsfamilyfellowship.org
Is a predominantly Latter-Day Saint support group for those who have LGBT family members.

For Unitarian Universalists

- **Interweave Continental: Unitarian Universalists for LGBT Concerns** - www.interweavecontinental.org
Interweave Continental is a membership organization actively working toward ending oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, recognizing that we will not be free until all oppression is a thing of the past. We are a Unitarian Universalist organization and UU principles guide our work.

- **Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns** - www.uua.org/obgltc
Connected to the Unitarian Universalist Association.

For Jews

- **Be' chol Lashon, In every Tongue** - www.bechollashon.org
National organization that provides resources for LGBTQ Jewish people.
- **Eshel** - www.eshelonline.org
Eshel supports creating inclusive Orthodox communities for LGBT Jews and their families. It includes information about programming and resources designed specifically for LGBT people, parents & families, and Shuls, communities & allies.
- **Gay and Lesbian Orthodox Jews** - www.orthogays.org
Designed for Orthodox Jewish LGBT people. There is an in-depth conversation about religious texts available in the FAQ section as well as statements from Orthodox Rabbis regarding the intersection of Judaism and sexuality.
- **Gay/Lesbian Baha'i Story Project** - www.gaybahai.net
To tell, listen to, and reflect upon stories of Gay/Lesbian Baha'is and their supportive friends/family.
- **Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation** - www.huc.edu/libcenters/centers.shtml#ijs
The Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) is the first and only institute of its kind in the Jewish world.
- **JQ International: A Space for GLBT Jews** - www.jqinternational.org
JQ International is LGBT Jewish movement founded to serve as an infrastructure and community building space for LGBT Jews. Provides opportunity to connect and build programs and services that foster a healthy fusion of GLBT and Jewish Identity.
- **JQ Youth** - www.jqyouth.org
JQ Youth is a social network and support group for Orthodox and formerly Orthodox LGBT youth. Their site has a number of personal stories, videos, and an extensive list of resources for young people, their parents, families, and allies.
- **Keshet** - www.keshetonline.org
Keshet is a US based grassroots organization that fights for LGBT inclusion in all aspects of Jewish life through support, training, and community building. They have offices in Boston, Denver, and the San Francisco Bay Area and are dedicated to working with individuals, clergy, educators and volunteers in order to fight for civil rights.
- **Nehirim: LGBT Jewish Culture and Spirituality** - www.nehirim.org/gayjewishcommunity
Nehirim ("Lights") builds community for LGBT Jews, partners, and allies. Their retreats and other programs celebrate LGBT culture and spirituality, and empower LGBT Jews to become active voices in their home communities.
- **SVARA** - www.svara.org
SVARA is an academy of Jewish text study dedicated to the study of the Talmud. It is open to all those who wish to participate including individuals from other religious backgrounds. It explicitly recognizes the insight and contribution that LGBT Jews and their allies can offer to the evolving Jewish tradition.
- **TransTorah** - www.transtorah.org
This annotated bibliography was developed to help trans Jews and their families, friends and allies, to learn more about the issues related to being trans and Jewish including trans Jewish history, suggestions for rituals and rites of passages, etc.

For Other Faith Communities

- **A Common Bond** - www.gayxjw.org
A Common Bond is an organization with a worldwide network of chapters designed to support LGBT Jehovah's Witnesses and their allies. Rather than retaliating or condemning the Watchtower organization, they strive to help LGBT JW's love and accept themselves and to find genuine happiness.
- **Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests** - www.bmclgbt.org
The Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests (BMC) is an organization that provides support and advocacy for LGBT Mennonites and their families. They have programming that is designed to foster dialogue and provide accurate information about sexual orientation and gender identity within the Mennonite and Brethren traditions.
- **Friends for LGBTQ Concerns** - www.flgbtqc.org/
Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns is a North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people. Gathering twice yearly for worship and play, they draw sustenance from each other and from the Spirit for our work and life in the world. We are learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life.

- **Gay Buddhist Fellowship** - www.gaybuddhist.org
The Gay Buddhist Fellowship supports Buddhist practice in the Gay men's community. It is a forum that brings together the diverse Buddhist traditions to address the spiritual concerns of Gay men.
- **Hinduism – Galva 108** - www.galva108.org
The Gay and Lesbian Vaishnava Association (Galva 108) is an international organization for LGBT Hindus and Vaishnava. It has online support, detailed articles, and a great deal of information about the Vedic concept of a natural third gender.
- **LGBTQ Pagans** - www.tumblr.com/search/lgbt%20pagan
A variety of Tumblr resource pages to find more information about paganism and LGBTQ people.
- **Sikh – Sarbat** - www.sarbat.net
Based in the UK, Sarbat is an online resource for LGBT Sikhs and their allies. It has message boards for online support, resources such as a Powerpoint about Sikhism's approach to sexuality and gender, and information about events and programs in London.

Interfaith Organizations

- **Global Faith and Justice Project** - www.lgbtglobalfaith.org
This global project amplifies faith voices that protect human dignity and achieve equality for LGBT people and their families.
- **Institute for Welcoming Resources** - www.welcomingresources.org
Providing resources, a search engine with map, and more. Through National LGBTQ Task Force.
- **Interfaith Working Group** - www.iwgonline.org
Religious diversity and social issues.
- **Inter-Denominational Conference of Liberation Congregations & Ministries** - www.amistaducc.org
A multi-faith, ecumenical fellowship of pastors, clergy, ministers, ministry leaders and congregations that have an interest in advancing the Good News of God's Radical Inclusivity.
- **Outspirit** - www.religioustolerance.org
A multifaith voice of compassion, inclusion and empowerment for the LGBTQ community.
- **Trans Faith** - www.transfaithonline.org
Transfaith Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides resources, workshops, and study guides to improve pastoral and spiritual care for transgender people of faith. This includes online and in person training focused on suicide prevention, pastoral care, and more.