

## Sexual Orientation Resources

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<b>ARTICLES</b>						
<a href="#">Out in Scripture</a> (Human Rights Campaign)	This resource places comments about the Bible alongside the real-life experiences and concerns of LGBTQ people of faith and allies. With the help of skilled scholars, you will discover a fresh approach to scripture.		✓	✓		✓
<b>SPECIAL DAYS / SUNDAYS</b>						
<a href="#">International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia</a>	May 17: This day emphasizes that homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia are still the reality in the daily lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans members of our communities. We must work towards creating welcoming and safe places for all people.	✓		✓		
<b>PRINT</b>						
Amazing Grace: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Faith (eds. Malcolm Boyd and Nancy L. Wilson, Crossing Press, 1991)	Discover lesbian and gay spiritual pilgrimages, childhood experiences, mature relationships, sexual awakening, grappling with faith, encounters with social justice, and confrontations with AIDS.		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">And Tango Makes Three</a> (Justin Richardson, Peter Parnell; Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005)	A true story of two penguins who create a non-traditional family				✓	
Congregations Talking about Homosexuality (ed. Beth Ann Gaede, The Alban Institute, 1998)	This book offers a deliberate process and provides case studies for reflection and guidance as a congregation seeks to engage in this conversation.			✓		
<a href="#">Daddy's Roommate</a> (Michael Willhoite; Alyson Books, 1990)	A young boy talks about his divorced father's new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share chores, playing, loving, and living.				✓	
<a href="#">Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church</a> by Wendy Vander Wal-Gritter (Baker Publishing Group, 2014)	How can we engage those with whom we might disagree and navigate our journey together in a way that nurtures unity, hospitality, humility, and justice?					
Girls Will Be Boys Will Be Girls (J.T. Bunnell and Irit Reinheimer, Soft Skull Press, 2004)	For children, a colouring book to challenge the reader to interrogate patriarchal dichotomies of gender and sexual orientation.				✓	

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Jesus Acted Up: A Gay and Lesbian Manifesto (Robert Goss, HarperCollins Canada, 1994)	The author calls for “a queer critical reading” to uncover what he believes is the Bible's true message: social justice and love of the marginal, including those in same-sex relationships.		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Mommy, Mama, and Me</a> (Leslea Newman)	Shares the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.				✓	
<a href="#">Moving Toward Full Inclusion: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in The United Church of Canada, 2nd ed.</a> (The United Church of Canada, United Church Publishing House, 2014)	A history of the United Church's gradual journey toward full inclusion of all people, regardless of sexual orientation.	✓	✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Our Whole Lives</a> (United Church of Christ and Unitarian Universalist Association)	This curriculum series of sexuality education programs is for six age groups: grades K-1, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, grades 10-12, Young Adults, and Adults.			✓	✓	
<a href="#">Passion and Freedom</a> (The United Church of Canada, United Church Publishing House, 2003)	A faith-based resource that addresses all stages of a committed life partnership, both heterosexual and same-sex.	✓				
<a href="#">Same-Sex Marriage? A Christian Ethical Analysis</a> (Marvin M. Ellison, Pilgrim Press, 2004)	From a theological and ethical perspective, the author offers a forum to explore same-sex marriage.		✓			
<a href="#">What the Bible Really Says about Homosexuality</a> (Daniel Helminiak, Alamo Square Press, 2000)	Based on recent scholarship, Daniel Helminiak shares insights around the issue of homosexuality and the Bible.		✓	✓		✓
<b>ONLINE ORGANIZATIONS</b>						
<a href="#">Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble</a>	An organization that works for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in the United Church and society.	✓	✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Colage</a>	A national movement of children, youth, and adults with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer (LGBTQ) parents.		✓		✓	✓
<a href="#">The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry</a>	CLGS provides programming and support for research, resources, education for leadership, and community-building/advocacy (at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA).		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Egale Canada</a>	Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere: this national organization advances equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-identified people and their families.		✓	✓		✓

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<a href="#">Family Pride Collection</a>	An online resource centre for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parents and their families. Housed at the Pride Library at the University of Western Ontario.		✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">LGBT Aging Issues Network</a>	A constituent group of the American Society on Aging that raises awareness of the unique concerns of LGBTQ elders.		✓			✓
<a href="#">Institute for Welcoming Resources</a>	An ecumenical group created to provide resources to facilitate a paradigm shift in multiple denominations whereby churches become welcoming and affirming of all congregants regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Soulforce</a>	Soulforce applies the creative direct action principles taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to peacefully resist injustice and demand full equality for LGBTQ citizens and families.		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">New Direction Ministries of Canada</a>	Works to foster hospitable space for those navigating questions of faith and sexuality and seeking to explore and grow in faith in Christ.		✓	✓		✓
<b>ONLINE PUBLICATIONS</b>						
<a href="#">The Authority and Interpretation of Scripture</a> (The United Church of Canada: United Church Publishing House, 1992)	A 1992 United Church statement in response to the question: What authority does the Bible have for The United Church of Canada and how does that authority arise?	✓	✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Homosexuality and the Bible</a> (Walter Wink, Fellowship of Reconciliation)	The debate over homosexuality raises numerous issues of how we interpret the Bible today. By Walter Wink		✓	✓		✓
<b>LGBTQ Groups in Canadian Faith Communities</b>						
<a href="#">Integrity Canada</a>	Anglican Church of Canada		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Reconciling Works</a>	Lutherans for full participation		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Affirmation</a>	Mormons/Latter-day Saints		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Dignity Canada</a>	Roman Catholics		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">SDA Kinship International</a>	Seventh-day Adventists		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Welcoming Congregations</a>	Canadian Unitarian Council		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation</a>	Reform Judaism		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Welcoming and Affirming Baptists</a>	Baptists		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns</a>	Quaker		✓	✓		✓

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<b>LGBTQ SUMMER CAMPS in Canada</b>						
<a href="#">Rainbow Camp</a>	Welcome Friend Association's one-week camp for LGBTQ and allied youth (ages 13-17), their siblings and children in queer families. (at Camp McDougall, Thessalon, ON)	✓			✓	
<a href="#">CampOUT!</a>	An outdoor leadership summer camp held in the Vancouver area for queer, trans, and allied youth ages 14-21 (at Camp Fircom, Gambier Island, BC)				✓	
<a href="#">Camp Caterpillar</a>	An all-gender camp for trans and gender creative campers and their siblings ages 7-12. (at Camp Tagawingo, SK)	✓			✓	
<a href="#">Camp fYrefly Saskatchewan</a>	A summer leadership retreat for sexual and gender minority and allied youth.				✓	
<a href="#">Camp fYrefly Alberta</a>					✓	
<a href="#">Ten Oaks Project</a>	A one-week, sleep-away camp for children and youth ages 8-17 from LGBTQ+ identities, families and communities (at Eagle Lake, west of Ottawa).				✓	
<a href="#">Camp Coyote</a>	A camp for trans-identified and gender questioning youth (ages 25 and under) in Nova Scotia.				✓	
<a href="#">Camp Seahorse</a>	A camp for LGBTQ and straight ally youth (ages 25 and under) in Nova Scotia.				✓	