

Marriage Equality Resources

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Books

- Christianity and Homosexuality – Some Seventh-day Adventist Perspectives*, Ed. David Ferguson, Fritz Guy, and David Larson. Roseville, CA: Adventist Forum, 2008 (See esp. Part 4 on committed relationships.)
- Gifted by Otherness: Gay and Lesbian Christians in the Church*. Countryman, Louis William. Morehouse Publishing, 2001.
- The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*. Gomes, Peter J. New York: William Morrow and Company, 1996
- Here Lies My Heart: Essays on Why We Marry*, A Beacon Anthology. Beacon Press, 1999.
- Homosexuality and Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Churches*. Wink, Walter, ed. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 1999.
- Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price*. Blumenfeld, Warren, ed., Beacon Press, 1992.
- In the Name of the Family: Rethinking Family Values in the Postmodern Age*, Stacey, Judith. Beacon Press, 1996.
- Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality*. Rogers, Jack. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006
- Our Chosen Faith*. Buehrens, John and Forrest Church. Beacon Press, 1998.
- Same-Sex Marriage? A Christian Ethical analysis*. Ellison, Marvin. Pilgrim Press, 2004
- Say It Loud: I'm Black and I'm Proud; Black Pride Survey 2000*. Battle, Juan, Cathy J. Cohen, Dorian Warren, Gerard Ferguson and Suzette Audam. New York: The Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 2002
thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/SayItLoudBlackAndProud.pdf
- Sex Texts from the Bible: Selections Annotated and Explained*. Hornsby, Teresa J. Woodstock, VT: Sky Light Paths Publishing, 2007
- The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love*. Spong, John Shelby. New York: HarperCollins, 2005
- Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*. White, Mel. New York: Plume Books, 1995
- Take Back the Word*. Goss, Robert E and Mona West, ed..Pilgrim Press, 2000
- Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry and Communities of Faith*. Tanis, Justin. Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2003
- What God Has Joined Together, A Christian Case for Gay Marriage*. Myers, David G. and Letha Dawson Scanzoni. Harper San Francisco 2005
- What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*. Helminiak, Daniel A. San Francisco: Alamo Square Press, 2000.
- A Whosoever Church: Welcoming Lesbians and Gay Men into African American Congregations*. Comstock, Gary David. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001
- Wrestling with God and Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition*. Greenberg, Steven. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2004

Video

- 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.)
woman-vision.org/children.htm

Coming Out - Coming In: Faith, Identity and Belonging: This 30-minute DVD documentary gives voice to gay and lesbian Christians who have struggled to reconcile faith with orientation. Intended for use by congregations, study groups, Sunday School classes to provide a launching point for safe and productive dialogue. Study guide is included. Reconciling Ministries Network rmnetwork.org

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.) unlearninghomophobia.com/decolores.htm

For the Bible Tells Me So. 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. See study guides below. forthebibletellsmeso.org

Sacred Covenants, Faithful Conversations: A DVD resource for talking about marriage equality. United Church of Christ. Comes with discussion guide. ucccoalition.org/resources/topics/videos

Study Resources

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. 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. ucccoalition.org/resources/CalledtoEquality.pdf

Claiming the Promise-Study Guide. An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study on Homosexuality. Editor: 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. Reconciling Ministries Network rmnetwork.org

For the Bible Tells Me So

- HRC guide for study and advocacy training hrc.org/documents/For_the_Bible_Tells_Me_So_Curriculum.pdf
- Filmmaker's guide for moderate to conservative churches forthebibletellsmeso.org/Discussion%20guide-final.pdf

God Is Still Speaking about Marriage Study and Discussion Guide [Newly Revised, June 2008]. United Church of Christ. ucc.org/lgbt/pdfs/god-is-still-speaking-about-marriage-rvsvd-june-2008.pdf

God Is Still Speaking about Marriage Resource Collection ucc.org/assets/pdfs/mdgr.pdf

Holy Conversations: Talking About Homosexuality, Oliveto, Karen P., Kelly D. Turney, Traci C. West. 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. Includes a Facilitator's Guide. Reconciling Ministries Network rmnetwork.org

Jumping The Broom: A detailed explanation and understanding of marriage equality from a Black perspective. National Black Justice Coalition. nbjcoalition.org/jump_broom1.pdf

Open Letter to Religious Leaders on Marriage Equality religiousinstitute.org/marriage.html

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

Web Resources

“An Argument for Gay Marriage” by Eugene Rogers, Jr. religion-on-line.org/showrticle.asp?title+3069

The Bible and Same-Gender Marriage, a lecture by Mary A. Tolbert
clgs.org/marriage/lecture_tolbert_wisconsin.html

California Council of Churches: calchurches.org/marriage

California Faith for Equality: cafaithforequality.org

The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry: clgs.org/marriage/index.html

Claiming the Blessings (Episcopal): claimingtheblessing.org

“Does the Bible Condemn Homosexuality?” theturning.org/folder/samesex.html

Episcopal Church Resolution A095 – called on civil society to grant same-sex couples the same rights as non-same-sex couples. gc2006.org/legislation/view_leg_detail.aspx?id=101&type=CURRENT

Equal Marriage (numerous sections) samesexmarriage.ca/equality/faiths.html.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD): glad.org

Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Religion & Faith: hrc.org/issues/religion.asp

Lambda Legal: lambdalegal.org

Marriage equality statements from faith leaders: lambdalegal.org/take-action/tool-kits/people-of-faith-speak-out/faith-leaders-speak-out.html

Metropolitan Community Church:
mccchurch.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsandInitiatives/MarriageEquality/Marriage_Equality.htm

National Black Justice Coalition: nbjcoalition.org

National Coalition for the Freedom to Marry: freedomtomarry.org

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF): ngltf.org
thetaskforce.org/issues/marriage_and_partnership_recognition

Out In Scripture. An insightful resource on the Human Rights Campaign website with daily prayers, scripture commentary, spiritual insights and reflections from the LGBT faith perspective, provided by pastors and scholars. hrc.org/scripture/week.asp

Pastoral Letter, Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of California
episcopalbayarea.org/joomla/content/view/666/87/

Pastoral Letter Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles
virtueonline.org/portal/modules/news/article.php?storyid=8251

People of Faith Speak out! Voices for Marriage Equality, Lambda Legal. lambdalegal.org/take-action/tool-kits/people-of-faith-speak-out

“Princeton Theology Professor Comes Out for Same-Sex Marriage in the Church and in Society,”
mlp.org/article.php?story=20070604193604417

Robert Warren Cromey, Trinity Episcopal, San Francisco. andromeda.rutgers.edu/~lcrew/cromey2.html

Soulforce: soulforce.org

The Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing religiousinstitute.org

Six different perspectives –a Presbyterian reflection. mlp.org/article.php?story_20070604193604417

Study Circles Group: studycircles.org

“A Theology for Gay Marriage” Paul Varnell. indegayforum.org/news/show/27062.html

Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, California: uulmca.org/programs/me.html

United Church of Christ resources: : ucc.org/lgbt/marriage

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