

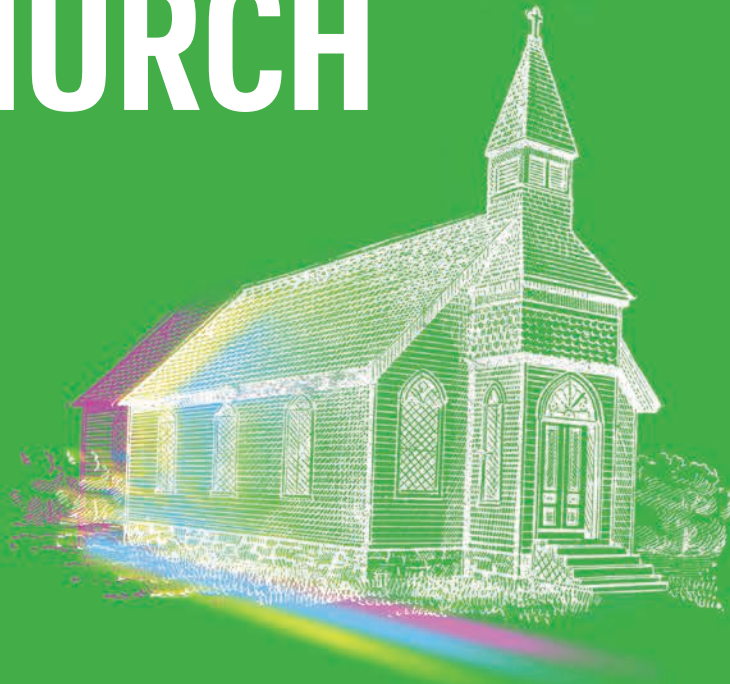
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Following is a collection of resources that may be helpful in the advancement of inclusion and diversity. This is not an exhaustive list. It is simply a starting point and covers a variety of subject areas. This resource was compiled with the help of LGBTQIA+ voices. For more information please contact the Office of Gender & Racial Justice. This resource list will be updated yearly.

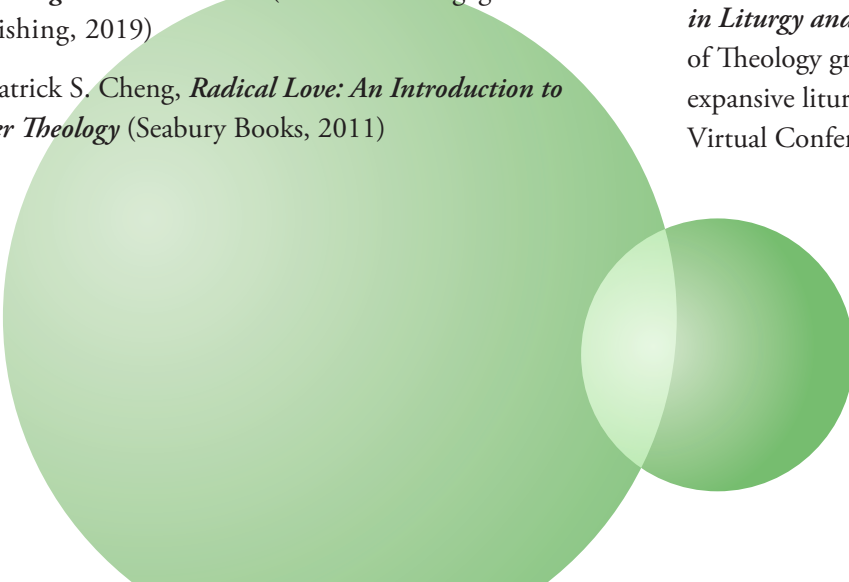
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LGBTQIA+

1 LGBTQIA+ Theology: Resources intended to provide a biblical and distinctively Christian case for LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the church.

- A. Austen Hartke, *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* (WJKP, 2018)
- B. Cheryl B. Anderson, *Episode 173 The Ethical Impact of Biblical Interpretation on The Bible for Normal People* Podcast with Pete Enns and Jared Byas. This podcast episode discusses ethics, law, and how we read our Bibles. This conversation explores the following questions: What do we do with sections of biblical law that seem outdated? What are some examples of problematic laws or narratives within the Bible? Why is there a need for inclusive biblical interpretation? And whose views get encoded in what we think of as the Christian perspective?
- C. Matthew Vines, *God & The Gay Christian: The Biblical Case In Support of Same-Sex Relationships* (Convergent, 2014).
- D. Miguel A. de la Torre, “*A la familia: Una conversación sobre nuestras familias, la biblia, la orientación sexual y la identidad de género/a*”
- E. Mx Chris Paige, *OtherWise Christian: A Guidebook for Transgender Liberation* (OtherWise Engaged Publishing, 2019)
- F. Patrick S. Cheng, *Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology* (Seabury Books, 2011)

G. *Our Bible App* - a Bible app and online community that is “uplifting believers of all stripes” with a goal is to provide a platform with the largest compilation of progressive faith-based media content, bringing together writers and readers in one final media hub. Our Bible App includes weekly featured devotionals, podcasts, and more.

2 Pastoral Care & Ministry: Resources intended to offer best practices for ministry to and among LGBTQIA+ persons.

- A. Kimberly Bracken Long and David Maxwell, eds., *Inclusive Marriage Services: A Wedding Sourcebook* (WJKP, 2015)
 - B. Cody J. Sanders, *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth* (WJKP, 2017)
 - C. Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, *Songs for the Holy Other: Hymns Affirming the LGBTQ2+ Community* (Hymn Society, 2019)
 - D. *Many Voices*, a Washington D.C. based non-profit organization that is helping to lead a Black church movement across Christian denominations for gay & transgender justice. Many Voices offers a variety of workshops, trainings, education materials, and ministry resources both online and in person.
 - E. *Better Than Sons and Daughters: Expansive Language in Liturgy and Hymnody* a YouTube video of Candler School of Theology graduate, Slat Toole’s presentation on creating expansive liturgies from the 2021 Beyond Pink & Blue Virtual Conference.
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3 Testimony & Memoir: Resources that feature the personal stories and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ Christians.

A. Brit Baron, keynote address at The Reformation Project's 2018 National Conference at First United Methodist Church of Orlando, Florida.

B. Elizabeth M. Edman, *Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know about Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity* (Beacon Press, 2017)

C. Julie Rodgers, *Outlove: A Queer Christian Survival Story* (Broadleaf Books, 2021)

D. Mihee Kim-Kort, *Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith* (Fortress Press, 2018)

E. Rev. Nicole Garcia's keynote address at The Reformation Project's 2019 Reconcile and Reform Conference at Plymouth Church United Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington

F. *The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion, CLGS Archives Project* (Online and on-going). The CLGS Archives Project seeks to obtain, preserve, and make available the papers of significant individuals and organizations in the history of religion and LGBTQ issues in American society. Composed of a growing number of collections, the Archives Project makes CLGS a leading resource center for the history of LGBTQ persons and religion and spirituality.

G. *Pray Away* (Netflix, 2021). A documentary film that features ex-leaders and a survivor of the so-called "conversion therapy" movement as they speak out about its harm to the LGBTQ+ community and illuminate for audiences its devastating persistence.

H. Q Christian Fellowship, *UNCHANGED* Ebook Volumes I-IV (self published, 2020). Each e-book volume contains the stories and photos of vulnerable, authentic, and sometimes raw journeys of hundreds of LGBTQIA+ Christians and their allies as they have come to embrace their identities and stepped into God's love.

4 LGBTQIA+ 101: Resources intended to provide general information on gender diversity, sexual orientation, and other related topics.

A. Archie Bongiovanni and Tristan Jimerson, *A Quick & Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns* (Limerence Press, 2018)

B. C. Riley Snorton, *Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity* (University of Minnesota Press, 2017)

C. *The Genderbread Person*, a free online resource for understanding gender identity, gender expression, and anatomical sex (updated 2017)

D. *PFLAG National Glossary of Terms* (updated 2021) A list of LGBTQIA+ terms that illuminate the power of language in shaping our perceptions of other people. This resource acknowledges that vocabulary continues to evolve, and there is not universal agreement about the definitions of many terms, but nonetheless aims to offer a starting place for discussing topics related to gender and sexual diversity.

5 Sexual & Relational Ethics: Resources intended to provide survey of the way LGBTQIA+ pursue relational structures, marriage, family, and practice establish and wholistic views of sexuality and gender.

A. Eugene F. Rogers Jr., "Can God use sex for our sanctification?" (2009) a theological reflection essay where Dr. Rogers explores the theology of marriage under the rubric of sanctification and how LGBTQIA+ inclusion within the church is integral to a distinctively Christian view of sex and sexuality.

B. Kelly Brown Douglas and Marvin M. Ellison, *Sexuality and the Sacred: Sources for Theological Reflection* (WJKP, 2010) A Christian discourse on sexuality, spirituality, and ethics updated and expanded anthology (originally published in 1994) featuring more than thirty contemporary essays. This edition includes more theologians and ethicists of color and addresses issues such as the intersection of race/racism and sexuality, transgender identity, same-sex marriage, and reproductive health and justice.

C. Matthias Roberts, *Beyond Shame: Creating a Healthy Sex Life on Your Own Terms* (1517 Media, 2019)

D. Rowan Williams, *“The Body’s Grace”* (1989) a theological reflection essay where Rev.Dr. Williams responds to the question of why sex matters to the Christian church and how LGBTQIA+ persons are able to fully reflect God’s design for love, family, and connection.

6 Relevant Research & Reports: Resources intended to provide qualitative research and analysis on LGBTQIA+ people and communities of faith.

A. *The Trevor Project National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health 2021*. An annually conducted comprehensive data set and analysis that underscores many of the serious challenges experienced by LGBTQ youth that serves as both pertinent information and an urgent call to action. The report speaks to the diversity and resiliency of LGBTQ youth and provides valuable insights into their everyday sources of strength and positivity and is regularly sourced as a supplement to most major pediatric and health associations as they conduct their own research on these topics.

B. Auburn Seminary, *Being In Relationship Messaging Guide* (2019). A resource on conversation support within Black and White theologically conservative Christian communities about the place of LGBTQIA+ people in our families, churches, and society. Based on anecdotal data and analysis, years of conversations, dialogue experiments, and other messaging research, BIR is an invaluable resource when it comes to general advice around how to talk (and not to talk) about LGBTQIA+ topics among conservative Christian communities in a way that leads toward more openness, curiosity, and compassion.

7 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Specific: Resources intended to illuminate denominational history, policy overtures, and other insights pertaining to LGBTQIA+ issues of inclusion within the P.C. (U.S.A.)

A. PC(USA) Office of Gender & Racial Justice, *Well-Chosen Words! Third Edition* (Presbyterian Mission Agency, 2021)

B. J. Herbert Nelson II, *“How does the struggle for full inclusion of gay and lesbian Christians relate to the civil rights movement and other struggles for freedom and equality?”* (2009)

C. M. Thomas Thangaraj, *“Would inclusivity alienate our global partner churches?”* (2009)

D. Su Yon Pak, *“What do Presbyterians teach about sexuality?”* (2009)

E. *A Presbyterian Response to the Global Crisis for LGBT People and Their Families* (2014) A downloadable PDF that responds to the situation in “eighty-one countries where homosexuality is illegal, [and where] God’s global family includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people who face persecution for simply being who they are, for whom they love, and with whom they create a family.” This resource is intended to raise awareness and prompt compassionate action on behalf of the PC(USA).

F. *Out of Order* (released 2016 with a 2020 update) – A documentary film that reveals the complex and painful struggles faced by LGBTQIA+ faith leaders as they confront prejudice and work to build loving support within their churches. Out of Order focuses specifically on leaders within the P.C.(U.S.A.) on their respective (and fraught) roads toward ordination.

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