

SusUMC Next Suggested Resources

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BIBLE STUDIES and SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

TOP PICK – DVD: “Faithful and Inclusive: The Bible, Sexuality and The United Methodist Church” by Rob Fuquay

BOOKS:

- “Active Faith: Resisting 4 Dangerous Ideologies with the Wesleyan Way” by Paul Chilcote
- “The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God’s Good Gift” by Ellen Brubaker
- “Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church’s Debate on Same-Sex Relationships” by James Brownson
- “Embracing the Wideness” by Bishop Ken Carter
- “Holy Conversations: Talking About Homosexuality” by Karen Oliveto, Kelly Turney, Traci West
- “Homosexuality and Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Faith” Walter Wink, ed.
- “Listening to the Spirit: A Handbook for Discernment”
- “Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church” by David Barnhart
- “Making Sense of the Bible” by Adam Hamilton
- “Our Purpose is Love: The Wesleyan Way to be the Church” by David N. Field (leader guide available)
- “Unclobber: Rethinking our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality” by Colby Martin
- “Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful UM Witness Study Guide” by Charles M. Wood

DVDs:

- “Dialogues on Sexuality” by Augsburg Fortress
- “Ending the Silence, Confronting Sexual Shame in the Church” by Augsburg Fortress

DOWNLOADABLE DOCUMENT:

- Claiming the Promise: An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study on Homosexuality
- Claiming the Promise (Leader’s Guide)

DIALOGUE RESOURCES

TOP PICK: "The Good News About Conflict: Transforming Religious Struggle Over Sexuality" by Jenell Williams Paris

DIALOGUE RESOURCES (Oriented to Conversations on Sexuality)

"Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church" by Wendy VanderWal Gritter
"It Is Time: Helping Laity and Clergy Discuss Homosexuality One Question at a Time" by Adolf Hansen
"Talking Across the Divide" by Justin Lee
"Reasoning Together: A Conversation on Homosexuality" by Ted Grimsrud and Mark Thiessen Nation
"Stumbling Toward a Genuine Conversation on Homosexuality" ed. Michael A. King

DIALOGUE RESOURCES (Non-related to Sexuality)

"Brave Souls: Experiencing the Audacious Power of Empathy" by Belinda Bauman
"Collaborating with the Enemy: How to Work with People You Don't Agree with or Like or Trust" by Adam Kahane
"Confident Pluralism: Surviving and Thriving Through Deep Difference" by John D. Inazu
"Fear+Less Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice" by Gregory C. Ellison II
"Fierce Conversations" by Susan Scott
"How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds" by Alan Jacobs
"Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor
"The Miracle of Dialogue" by Reuel L. Howe
"Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians" by John Paul Lederach
"The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics & Religion" by Jonathan Haidt
"Rooted in Grace: Essays on Dialogue Without Division" by Larry Duggins and Andrea L. Lingle (small groups)
"The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than Our 'Correct' Beliefs" by Peter Enns
"Why Can't We Talk" by John Backman

BOOKS

TOP PICKS “Changing Our Mind” by David Gushee
“Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?” by Letha Dawson Scanzoni and Virginia Ramey Mollencott
“Love Is an Orientation” by Andrew Marin
“Oriented to Faith” by Tim Otto
“Risking Grace: Loving Your Gay Friends and Family Like Jesus” by Dave Jackson
“Solus Jesus: A Theology of Resistance” by Ken Wilson and Emily Swan
“Space at the Table: Conversations Between an Evangelical Theologian and His Gay Son” by Brad Harper
“Together at the Table: Diversity without Division in the UMC” by Karen Oliveto
“Together: United Methodists of the Temple, Tabernacle and Table” by Stan Copeland and Scott Gilliland
“Torn” by Justin Lee

“All but Invisible” by Nate Collins
“An Ethic of Queer Sex: Principles and Improvisations” by Theodore W. Jennings Jr.
“The Book of Forgiving” by Desmond Tutu
“Braving the Wilderness” by Brené Brown
“Come Home!: Reclaiming Spirituality and Community As Gay Men and Lesbians” by Chris Glaser
“Community: The Structure of Belonging” by Peter Block
“Dios nos Ama por Igual: Una Invitación al Diálogo sobre la Orientación Sexual” by Ann Thompson Cook
“Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America” by Jeff Chu
“God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships” by Matthew Vines
“God Believes in Love; Straight Talk About Gay Marriage” by Bishop Gene Robinson
“God, Sex, and Politics: Homosexuality and Everyday Theologies” by Dawne Moon
“Guiding Families of LGBTQ+ Loved Ones” by Bill Henson
“Holy Love: A Biblical Theology for Human Sexuality” by Steve Harper
“Homosexuality and the Bible” by Walter Wink
“Homosexuality: A Conversion: How a Conservative Pastor Outgrew the Idea That Homosexuality is a Sin” by John Tyson
“Kissing Fish: Christianity for People Who Don't Like Christianity” by Roger Wolsey
“The Loyal Opposition: Struggling with the Church on Homosexuality” by Amy Delong and Tex Sample
“A Methodist Requiem: Words of Hope and Resurrection for the Church” by William B. Lawrence
“Names, Not Just Numbers: Facing Global AIDS and World Hunger” by Donald E. Messer
“No Ordinary Child: A Christian Mother's Acceptance of Her Gay Son” by Jacqueline Ley
“Open the Doors!” by Reginald and Barbara Olson
“Outside the Lines: How Embracing Your Queerness Will Transform Your Faith” by Mihee Kim-Kort
“People of a Compassionate God” by Janet Fishburn
“The Queer Bible Commentary” by Deryn Guest
“Queer Theology: Rethinking the Western Body” by Gerald Loughlin
“Radical Love: Introduction to Queer Theology” by Patrick Cheng
“Rainbow Theology: Bridging Race, Sexuality, and Spirit” by Patrick Cheng
“Scripture, Ethics, and the Possibility of Same-Sex Relationships” by Karen Keen
“Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective” by Kelly B. Douglas
“Single, Gay, Christian” by Gregory Coles
“The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity” by Margaret D. Kamitsuka
“To Melt a Golden Calf: An Evangelical Christian Case for Same-Sex Relationships” by Peter Aelred
“Uncommon Calling: A Gay Man's Struggle to Serve the Church” by Chris Glaser
“Voices from the Kingdom: All God's Children Have Keys” by Cole Beverly
“Washed and Waiting” by Wesley Hill
“We Were Baptized Too: Claiming God's Grace for Lesbians and Gays” by Marilyn Bennett Alexander and James Preston
“Where Does a Mother Go to Resign?” by Barbara Johnson
“Where True Love Is: An Affirming Devotional for LGBTQI+ Individuals and Their Allies” by Suzanne DeWitt Hall
“You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit” by James K. Smith

ARTICLES:

“A Letter to Louise” (Bruce W. Lowe)

<http://godmademegay.blogspot.com/p/letter-to-louise.html>

“If the Church Were a Haven” (Wesley Hill)

<https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2016/06/if-the-church-were-a-haven>

“How the Transgender Narrative Perpetuates Stereotypes”

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2018/february/how-transgender-narrative-perpetuates-stereotypes.html>

“This Is My Church Too” - LGBTQ Christians talk about why they stay in denominations that are less than affirming.

<https://sojo.net/magazine/april-2016/my-church-too>

“Historian studies the loss of LGBTQ pastors, leaders in Mennonite church”

<https://themennonite.org/daily-news/historian-studies-loss-lgbtq-pastors-leaders-mennonite-church/>

“Historic New Monastic Community Embraces a Third Way for LGBT Christians.”

<http://orientedtofaith.com/rpf/>

“Why I Can’t Say ‘Love the Sinner/Hate the Sin’ Anymore:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/micah-j-murray/why-i-cant-say-love-the-sinner-hate-the-sin-anymore_b_4521519.html

“And how do I know when I am wrong? Evangelical faith and the Bible” by Anglican priest David Runcorn

<https://www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk/articles/and-how-do-i-know-when-i-am-wrong-evangelical-faith-and-the-bible/>

“Embracing the Gentiles” by J. R. Daniel Kirk (Dr. Kirk lost his NT teaching position at Fuller Seminary because of his change of view expressed in this post)

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/storiedtheology/2016/01/30/embracing-the-gentiles/>

"How I came to support full inclusion of LGBT people in the body of Christ" by Jessica Kantrowitz

<https://tenthousandplaces.org/2015/06/29/that-god-has-made-clean-how-i-came-to-support-full-inclusion-of-lgbt-people-in-the-body-of-christ/>

‘The Great Evangelical Divorce’, a blog by Brian Gee published in 2014 but relevant still today

<http://www.onewheaton.com/untold/the-great-evangelical-divorce/>

Q&A with Sam Allberry: Same-Sex Attraction, Synod Remarks, and Why the Gospel Is Truly Good News for All”

<https://www.rzim.org/read/rzim-global/qa-with-sam-allberry-same-sex-attraction-synod-remarks>

DVDs:

An Act of Love
Call Me Kuchu
Call Me Malcolm
Enough Room at the Table
Fish Out Of Water
For The Bible Tells Me So
Intersexion
Lord, Save Us From Your Followers
Love Free or Die
Prayers For Bobby
The Bible and Homosexuality: How the Scriptures Changed My Mind
The Perfect Family
Through My Eyes
Trans

ONLINE RESOURCES FROM THE RECONCILING MINISTRY NETWORK

A Reconciling Cookbook: Recipes for an inclusive church
Building an Inclusive Church
Helping Our Church Welcome & Accept
The Bible Doesn't Say That Homosexuality is a Sin
The Quadrilateral & LGBTQ persons in The UMC
Who's Who in the Movement

VIDEOS

United Methodist Scholars for an Inclusive Church

Bishop Richard Wilke testimony
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EOq-1uet_Y

Is It Okay to Be Gay? A Candid Conversation on Christians and Same-Sex Attraction"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJdEZv_24Uk

"Through My Eyes: True stories of young gay Christians"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QImNx1JA3BI>

"Why I Stay - LGBTQ Christians in the Church"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbh6a1HUpf0&feature=youtu.be>

BLOGS

Modern Kinship - Blog written by Dave and Tino Khalaf
<https://daveandtino.com/blog>

PODCASTS

The Bible for Normal People, Episode 2: Richard Rohr - A Contemplative Look at The Bible
<https://thebiblefornormalpeople.podbean.com/e/episode-2-richard-rohr-a-contemplative-look-at-the-bible/>

Queerology
<https://matthiasroberts.com/queerology/>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

www.hrc.org
www.pflag.org
www.rmnetwork.org
www.thetrevorproject.org