ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE LGBTQI RESOURCES
Scripture Study and Biblical Interpretation
Study Guides Books and Multi – Session Study Guides
Books on Homosexuality and Transgender
Books on Coming Out
Personal and Family Stories
Same Sex Marriage/Civil Unions
LGBT Spirituality
Worship and Liturgy Books
LGBT Pastoral Care
Books for Children


Miner, Jeff and John Connoley, *The Children are Free, Reexamining the Biblical Evidence on Same-Sex Relationships*. Jesus Metropolitan Community Church, 2002. Authors examine the often quotes scripture passages, other affirmations in scripture, and how Jesus applied scripture.

Created in God’s Image, United Church Press, 1993. A ten session human sexuality program for ministry and mission that helps participants to reconnect their spirituality and sexuality and encourages churches to integrate sexuality into their mission. Available from United Church Resources

Claiming the Promise, An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study Resource on Homosexuality. Published by Reconciling Congregation Program, 1997. A study designed for seven 1 _ to 2 hour sessions. Topics include: Introducing The Subject and Ourselves, Attitudes about Sexuality, Understanding Sexual Orientation, Sexism/Heterosexism/Homophobia, Family and Relationships, Youth and GLBT Issues, The ONA process—What, Why and How. Included in each session is information for leader, background information for participants, and worship resources. Available from UCC Coalition.

The Circle of Grace, Embracing the Whole Community of God, United Church of Christ. Resources for congregations to explore what it means to live in God’s circle of grace as a reconciled community and become open to and affirming of lesbians, gays, bi-sexual, and transgendered persons. Each of the nine sessions is based on a biblical text with activities to support the theme.


Stuart, Elizabeth, Religion is a Queer Thing. Pilgrim Press, 1997. This book makes queer theology available and accessible to a general audience and encourages the reader to become part of the ongoing development of this theology. It is a study guide which can be used by groups or individuals, and contains exercises and liturgies as well as explanations of queer theology.


Mollenkott, Virginia Ramsey, *Omnigender, a trans-religious approach*. Pilgrim Press 2001. This book identifies ways in which the common understanding of gender as two opposite sexes is harmful to people, moves beyond this current gender construct to offer vision of a new, more flexible gender paradigm, known as “omnigender,” and offers a vision of what such an omnigendered society might look like, including suggestions for the educational, scientific, and political steps it will take to get there.

Piazza, Michael, *Gay By God*. Sources of Hope, 2008. A handbook on how to be lesbian or gay and Christian. Author is on staff of Cathedral of Hope a mega church serving the day community in Texas.


*What We Wish We Had Known*, Breaking the Silence, Moving Toward Understanding, a Resource for Individuals and Families. [www.pcmk.org](http://www.pcmk.org) Click on resources then The Blue Book.
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Books on Coming Out


Fairchild and Hayward, Now That You Know. Harvest Book, 1998. Written by two mothers of gay children, the book discusses the nature of homosexuality, counsels parents to respond supportively to gay children and brings families together by maintaining the bonds of acceptance and affirmation.


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Personal and Family Stories


Tigert, Leanne and Timothy McCall, ed., Coming Out Young and Faithful. Pilgrim Press, 2001. Lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, and questioning teens describe their experiences in the church. Includes information and resources for ministry with and advocacy on behalf of LGBT youth and young adults.

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Same Sex Marriage/Civil Unions

In dialogue with both legal scholars and theologians, Ellison examines the strengths and weaknesses of how marriage traditionalists, advocates of same-sex marriage, and LGBT critics of marriage analyze the issues and frame their arguments.

Yost, Merle James, ed. *When Love Lasts Forever*. Pilgrim Press 1999. A collection of personal stories from men whose partnerships have lasted ten years of more, confirms that love and commitment are values that help them face the pressures of family and society.

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LGBT Spirituality


Piazza, Michael, *Queeries: Questions lesbians and gays have for God*. Sources of Hope, 2008. Author shares personal e-mails from the electronic community seeking spiritual connection and answers about God.


Tigert, Leanne McCall, *Coming Out While Staying In*. United Church Press, 1996. Book reflects the author’s personal struggle with the church as the source of pain and alienation, as well as support and spiritual renewal.
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Worship and Liturgy Books


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LGBT Pastoral Care

Gaede, Beth, ed., *Congregations Talking about Homosexuality*. Alban Institute, 1998. A handbook to help congregations work their way through the process of discussing homosexuality including case studies from congregations.


Kundtz and Schlager, *Ministry Among God’s Queer Folks*. Pilgrim Press, 2007. A practical handbook covers the basic skills religious caregivers and ministry students need in order to be supportive pastoral care providers to GLBTQI persons.


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Books for Children

A story for elementary children about regular kids who have gay and lesbian parents.

A story for elementary children about a girl who was born into a lesbian relationship.

A story for preschool children about a boy whose father is gay.