

2022 APCE - LGBTQIA+ Pride Webinar

BOOK RESOURCES

- **Bernard Sloan Schlager, and David Kundtz. 2019. *Ministry among God's Queer Folk : LGBTQ Pastoral Care*. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books.**
 - Contains a chapter about creating “communities of care”
 - Primarily, provides a pastoral care perspective
 - There's a significant resource bank in the back.
 - Note: if you find a book you like/appreciate, look at its resource index for more!
- **Hartke, Austen. 2018. *Transforming : The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*. Louisville, Ky: Westminster John Knox Press.**
 - The “beginner's guide to gender” is a helpful resource
 - Contains a “trans-affirming toolbox” for both affirming *and* non-affirming communities
- **Sanders, Cody J. 2017. *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press.**
 - A great introductory primer for sexuality and gender
 - Assign as mandatory reading for staff / committees who want to learn more!
 - A chapter specifically for how to approach ministry with parents/families
- **Roberts, Matthias. 2020. *BEYOND SHAME : Creating a Healthy Sex Life on Your Own Terms*. S.L.: Fortress Press, U S.**
 - More geared for adults working through their own shame and upbringing (e.g., internalized homophobia/transphobia)
 - Still helpful for a basic framework of the shame young people face and how the church has often perpetuated that shame.
- **Kim-Kort, Mihee. 2018. *Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith*. S.L.: Fortress Press, U S.**
 - This is not a(nother) book about why we should be accepting LGBTQIA+ people according to the Bible, but rather what the lens of “queerness” offers to people of faith.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **“The Coming out Handbook.” n.d. The Trevor Project.**
<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/guide/the-coming-out-handbook/>.
 - This new resource is designed to help those exploring coming out (and those who love them) find the language to describe what they're thinking/feeling
 - Trevor Project resources are generally very trustworthy
 - Be prepared to offer Trevor Project crisis hotline as a resource!
- **“Well Chosen Words.” 2021. Presbyterian Church (USA).**
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-Well-Chosen-Words-brochure-6-30-21.pdf>
 - Recently revised inclusive language guide from the Office of Gender & Racial Justice.
 - Explains importance of expansive language and offers a helpful guide for words that include and exclude.
- **“Pronouns: A Guide from GLSEN.” 2021. GLSEN.**
<https://www.glsen.org/activity/pronouns-guide-glsen>.

- An introductory primer for pronouns.
- Consider adding pronouns to your email signature and linking to this or a similar article!
- **“11 X 17” Why Stating Pronouns Matters Poster.” 2018. More Light Presbyterians.**
<https://mlp.org/document/11-x-17-why-pronouns-matter-poster/>.
 - An example of a publication to explain the use of pronouns in a public/visual way.
- **“Supporting Children in LGBTQIA+ Families.” 2022. PC(USA) Office of Christian Formation.**
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/supporting-lgbtqia-families/>
 - Activities and resources for families and churches to use in helping to acknowledge the beloved-ness of everyone in God’s eyes, particularly LGBTQIA+ children and families.
- **“Glossary of LGBTQI+ Terms.” 2019. Presbyterian Church in Canada.**
<https://presbyterian.ca/downloads/61802/>
 - Definitions of Commonly Used Words in Discussions About Sexuality
- **“Transgender Inclusion Policy for Youth Events.” 2021. Presbytery of New Covenant.**
http://pbyofnewcovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021_Meetings_TransgenderInclusion_Policy.revised.12.2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3qIJl0iADBPrLfeKcdag1TSLbgIJNz5L2fZ684SKA9PuW8Kni_XARaH_k
 - An example policy that can be adapted for congregational setting

DENOMINATIONAL RESOURCES

- Covenant Network of Presbyterians
- More Light Presbyterians
- PC(USA) Office of Gender & Racial Justice
- Presbyterian Church in Canada Rainbow Communion

CHILDREN’S STORYBOOKS

- <https://www.tjremaley.com/blog/celebrating-pride-with-childrens-storybooks>
 - TJ’s brief reviews of several children’s storybooks for Pride 2020.
- <https://www.tjremaley.com/blog/celebrating-pride-with-more-childrens-storybooks>
 - TJ’s brief reviews of several children’s storybooks for Pride 2021 – all written by BIPOC and/or Trans/Nonbinary authors/illustrators

MOVIES/SHOWS/PODCASTS

- ***First Day.* Directed by Julie Kalceff. Epic Films, Kojo Entertainment, and Screen Australia. Broadcast. Distributed by Australia Children’s Television Foundation. 2020-2021.**
 - A delightful television drama series, originally airing in Australia, starring Evie Macdonald as a 12 year old transgender girl as she begins high school in a new school.
 - Depicts a loving/accepting family, and tastefully deals with bullying, hate speech, microaggressions, grassroots advocacy, finding supportive groups, and dating.
 - Very family-friendly and inspiring. Currently available to stream on Hulu.
- ***The Babysitters’ Club. Season 1, Episode Four. Mary Ann Saves the Day.* Directed by Lucia Aniello. Netflix. 2020-2021.**
 - Mary Ann babysits for a little girl named Bailey and realizes that she has just transitioned.
 - The next time she babysits, she has to take Bailey to the emergency room, where she keeps getting misgendered.

- Though Mary Ann struggles with speaking up for herself, she finds her voice for Bailey and tells the doctors and medical staff to use her pronouns and new name.
- Appropriate even for young kids. The rest of the series is also awesome!

LITURGIES AND MILESTONES

- [W Renaming Ceremony & Remembering Baptism Liturgy.docx](#)
 - Renaming Ceremony for Austen Hartke, 2016
- [A service of Re-Naming and Reaffirmation of Baptism - Jess Cook.pdf](#)
 - Renaming Ceremony shared by More Light Presbyterians
- <https://religiousinstitute.org/resources/national-coming-out-day-worship-resources/>
 - Prayers and Litanies for National Coming Out Day
 - Can be modified for a coming out ceremony/milestone

For Coming Out

The suffocating closet has been your prison cell.
It feels safer than disclosure, but it is lonely, isolating.
Though you have longed to let them see this part of you,
Fear of losing them has bound you in chains.

When you are crying in your bed at night and the pain feels too much to bear,
May you hear the voice of the One who created you in all of your rainbow glory
Singing over you with unconditional Love.

Though reactions are unknown, and the future is unclear,
May you find chosen family who will hold you.
May the love of friends support you.

Though things may change and your heart may break,
May you find strength and courage to fly free.

May you be safe. May you know peace.
May you come alive in the joy of being known and loved
for exactly who you are, in all of your Belovedness.

May you celebrate each step you take into wholeness.
May you rejoice in who God made you to be.
And may your courage
inspire others who also yearn to fly free.

- Anonymous

B L E S S I N G S

for a new year

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