

**Lesbian
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**RESOURCES
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[Call Me Malcolm](#)

A feature-length documentary about Malcolm, a transgender man and his journey with faith, love and gender identity. Study materials, ordering and other information is available on the web at [www. CallMeMalcolm.com](http://www.CallMeMalcolm.com) or call the Health & Wholeness Office at 866-822-8224, ext. 3218. **WCMCMM.**

Circle of Grace: Affirming the Ministries of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Christians

This set of nine Bible study lesson plans and devotional resources enable congregations to rediscover the biblical basis for inclusion. **EP320. \$8.**

Coming Out to Parents: A Two-way Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men and Their Parents *Mary V. Borhek*

The book explores the many fears and uncertainties of lesbians and gay men, offering helpful suggestions, and guides their parents through the natural feelings of grief and loss, leading them to a deeper love of their child. **0957-0. \$16.**

Coming Out Young and Faithful

Leanne McCall Tigert and Timothy Brown, eds.

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. **1414-0. \$3.**

Courage to Love: Liturgies for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community

Geoffrey Duncan

An exceptional collection of worship and liturgical resources inclusive of and sensitive to the needs of the LGBT community. **1468-X. \$6.90.**

[Equal Marital Rights for Same Gender Couples](#)

A discussion starter packet for local churches engaging in dialogue about securing equality under the law for same gender couples.

Free download available at www.ucc.org/justice/equal.htm.

WCMEMR. \$12

The Essential Gay Mystics

Andrew Harvey, ed.

A collection of LGBT spiritual readings, from the Greeks and Romans, American Indians, the Far East, the Persian Sufi, from the Renaissance to the twentieth century. **1443-4. \$18.**

Exile or Embrace?

Congregations Discerning Their Response to Lesbian and Gay Christians

Mahan Siler

A small-group resource for congregational outreach to LGBT members as well as those outside the church. **1630-5. \$14.**

For Another Flock: Daily Advent and Christmas Meditations for Gay and Lesbian Christians

Jeffrey Lea

Advent and Christmas meditations for the LGBT community. Includes a small group study guide for the four weeks of Advent. **1612-7. \$6.**

Gay Theology Without Apology

Gary David Comstock

A collection of essays in which the author finds God's liberating connection in scripture-from-the-underside, in nontraditional traditions, and in body experience. **\$16.**

[God Is Still Speaking, about Marriage](#)

As recommended by General Synod 25, this is an in-depth study resource on marriage. Free download available from the web at: <http://www.ucc.org/lgbt/issues/marriage-equality/>. 100 pages.

WCMGSM. \$15

Health and Wholeness Advocacy Brochure on LGBT Concerns

This brochure describes the LGBT mission and resources of the Health and Wholeness Advocacy Office. **WCMLGC. Free.**

**My Son Eric:
A Mother Struggles to Accept Her
Gay Son and Discovers Herself**

Mary V. Borhek

A riveting story of a Christian mother's lifetime journey of love with her gay son. **1427-2. \$14.**

Omnigender: A Trans-religious Approach

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott

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. **17713. \$17.60.**

Open and Affirming (ONA): A Journey of Faith Video

This film depicts three UCC congregations going through the ONA study process. It includes a 72-page resource book. 55 minutes. **AMA16. \$25.**

Open and Affirming (ONA) Resources

This variety of information is for congregations responding to the call of the 15th General Synod for UCC congregations to declare themselves to be open to and affirming of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. **Costs vary.**

Open and Affirming (ONA) Study Packet

This seven session study process is for local churches learning about sexual orientation, youth issues, family and relationships, scripture interpretation, the ONA process, and more. **CL007. \$59.25.**

**Our Daughter Martha:
A Family Struggles with Coming Out**

Marcy Clements Henrikson

One Christian family's story of “coming out” to their church, friends, and community as the family of a lesbian daughter. **1432-9. \$12.**

Our Whole Lives

A series of sexuality education programs for grades K-1, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 that provides accurate information for parents, teachers, pastors, and young people to help them learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches. Age-appropriate information addresses human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, society, and culture. Training of teachers is necessary. **Costs vary. Call 866.822.8224, ext. 3718.**

Out on Holy Ground: Meditations on Gay Men’s Spirituality

Donald L. Boisvert

This book looks at theology, myths and symbols, rituals, and spiritual culture in order to paint a compelling portrait of gay spirituality as a pivotal factor in the development of gay identity. **13691. \$4.**

A Position of Faith/Bi-sex’u-al DVD

bi-sex’ u-al was created to encourage dialogue about bisexual orientation and identification. This video will not answer all questions about bisexuality. It is an introduction to three individuals through their own stories of faith and sexuality. We hope it will inspire you to think deeply about these stories, and your own story, in the light of faith. **WCMPB. \$9.95.**

A Position of Faith tells the story of this landmark event and the process that made it possible. The story is poignant and inspirational, and includes a letter from Bill Johnson’s mother, interviews with Bill, young people and church leaders (clergy and lay), who either supported or opposed Bill’s candidacy.

Preach Out!

This resource includes Open and Affirming sermons preached by UCC local church pastors on a variety of justice and inclusion

concerns. Volumes 1 and 2 each contain nine sermons. **Vol. 1 AMA21. \$5. Vol. 2. WCPO2. \$5.**

**Queering Christ:
Beyond Jesus Acted Up**

Robert Goss

This book focuses on sexuality, Christ, the Bible, and theology. These areas form the quadrants of the author's own spirituality that aims at the queer reconstruction of Christianity and reflects a life that strives to integrate the depths of spirituality and sexuality with a practice of justice. Many aspects of the work are guaranteed to be highly controversial within and outside of the LGBT community. **\$25.**

**Qu(e)rying Evangelism:
Growing a Community from the Outside In**

Cheri Divono

This book chronicles a minister's attempts to expand the membership of a rapidly shrinking congregation in a poor, inner city Toronto neighborhood. When members decided to evangelize among the marginalized and "queer" at their gate, church members are radically changed. It answers the question of how do we understand evangelism biblically and in a completely new way. **0-8298-1528-7. \$23.**

**Reconciling Journey:
A Devotional Workbook for Lesbian and Gay Christians**

Michal Anne Pepper

A nine-week workbook for lesbian and gay Christians who have come to a crossroad in their journey. Ideal for individual use, in a group setting, or as a complement to psychotherapy. **1569-4. \$8.**

**Religion is a Queer Thing:
A Guide to the Christian Faith for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons**

Elizabeth Stuart, John McMahon, Malcolm Edwards, Tim Morrison, and Andy Braunston

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. **\$16.**

Sacred Covenants, Faithful Conversations

This DVD resource is for individuals, congregations, and others groups engaging in the study of marriage equality as called for in the General Synod 25 resolution, "In support of marriage equality for all." It includes the 45 minute General Synod floor debate on the resolution and is an excellent companion to "God Is Still Speaking about Marriage." **WCMSFC. \$20**

Same-Sex Marriage? A Christian Ethical Analysis

Marvin M. Ellison

This critical book is written by a gay man and progressive Christian ethicist who places justice making at the heart of contemporary spirituality. Hardcover. **1659-3. \$10.50.**

Sanctity and Male Desire:

A Gay Reading of Saints

Donald L. Boisvert

This book looks at how saints--and one's devotion to them--can be sites for the confirmation and celebration of homoerotic desire. Saints can inspire desire and through eclectic readings of their lives and imagery, the author suggests meanings and strategies attached to the emergence of same-sex attraction. **15236. \$11.**

Science, Scripture, and Homosexuality

Alice Odgen Bellis and Terry L. Hufford

Written in a highly accessible manner, this book explains the basics of genetics and the growing evidence suggesting an organic basis for homosexuality. **\$12.**

Talking about Homosexuality: Holy Conversations series

Karen P. Oliveto, Kelly D. Turney, and Traci C. West

First book in a new series– Holy Conversations – that addresses the often difficult to discuss topics in church as well as society. **1613-5. \$6.50.**

That We May All Be One

A compendium of 30 years of UCC social justice policy on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) concerns (1969-1999). **AMA20. \$5**

Their Own Receive Them Not:

African American Lesbians & Gays in Black Churches

Horace Griffin

This book provides a historical overview and critical analysis of the black church and its current engagement with lesbian and gay Christians, and shares ways in which black churches can learn to reach out and confront all types of oppression - not just race - in order to do the work of the black community. **17966. \$19.20.**

Transgender Journeys

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott and Vanessa Sheridan

Based on their own journeys as transgendered Christians, Mollenkott and Sheridan have created an inspiring book about hope, opportunity, struggle, joy, and transcendence. **1577-5. \$19.**

Transgendered:

Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith

Justin Tanis

Tanis, a transgendered clergy person, explores identity and the experience of God in the lives of transgendered persons. **1528-7. \$7.60.**

Transgendering Faith: Identity, Sexuality, and Spirituality

Leanne McCall Tigert and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds. How a church community and family members can reach out to transgendered persons through stories and worship resources. **1494-9. \$11.**

[UCC LGBT Concerns](http://www.ucc.org/lgbt) Website: www.ucc.org/lgbt

Additional resources, including new or updated LGBT resources, may be found on the web.

UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns: www.uccoalition.org

Or call: 800-653-0799

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- United Church Resources: 800-537-3394