

# Resource List

Trans and non-binary task force, Diocese of California

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## (Trans)Gender 101

[Bongiovanni, Archie and Jimerson, Tristan. \*A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns\* \(2018\)](#)

[Bruesehoff, Rebekah. "I'm the Scary Transgender Person the Media Warned You About" \(Youtube video\)](#)

- ["Mighty Rebekah," Marvel Hero Project, Disney Plus](#)

[The Gender Book \(illustrated community-based resource\)](#)

- book+ebook
- [Resources for gender education](#)

[Genderbread Person \(version 4\)](#)

Gender Spectrum

Organization offering education, training, and support for gender-diverse children and their supporters, including faith communities

- [Understanding Gender](#)
- [Myths about Gender](#)
- [Language of Gender](#)

#### GLAAD

- [“Tips for Allies of Transgender People”](#)
- [“Transgender FAQ”](#)
- [Transgender Week of Awareness](#)

#### LGBT National Help Center

- [FAQ](#)
- [Book List](#)

[Killerman, Sam. \*A Guide to Gender \(2nd Ed.\): The Social Justice Advocate’s Handbook\* \(2017\); available as Kindle Unlimited read](#)

#### National Center for Transgender Equality,

- [“About Transgender People”](#)
- [“Questionable Questions About Transgender Identity”](#)
- [“Frequently Asked Questions about Transgender People”](#)
- [“Understanding Non-binary People”](#)

#### Q Christian

- [LGBTQ+ Terminology](#)

#### Queer Grace: An Online Encyclopedia for LGBTQIA+ and Christian Life

- [Can you be a “non-binary” Christian?](#)

#### Question and Queeries, [“Guide to not misgendering trans people”](#)

Erickson-Schroth, Laura (ed.). *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource by and for Transgender Communities* (2022)

#### The Trevor Project:

- [Gender Identity](#)
  - [Guide for allies](#)
  - [Coming Out Handbook](#)
  - [Understanding Gender Identities](#)

[Time Magazine, “A Year in Photos of Gender Expansive Youth” \(2022\)](#)

#### United Church of Christ

- [Transgender and non-binary talking points](#)
- [Trans justice is racial justice](#)

## Pastoral Care

Beardsley, Christina, and Chris Dowd, with Justin Tanis. *Transfaith: A Transgender Pastoral Resource*. London, UK: Darton, Longman, Todd, 2018.

—*The Transsexual Person Is My Neighbour: Pastoral Guidelines for Christian Clergy, Pastors and Congregations* (with an Appendix on Intersex by Michelle O'Brien). Brighton: Gender Trust, 2nd rev. ed. 2007.

### [Beloved, Arise](#)

- [Support groups for LGBTQ+ youth \(Zoom\)](#)

### [Black Trans Advocacy Coalition](#)

Support for Black trans people (housing, financial, health, legal, and more)

Millspough, Sarah Gibb. "Pastoral Care with Transgender People." In *Injustice and the Care of Souls: Taking Oppression Seriously in Pastoral Care*, edited by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen B. Montagno, 227-236. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

### [Q Christian](#)

- [Relational Guide for Clergy](#)
- [Community Groups](#):
  - support groups for parents of LGBTQ+ children, and for LGBTQ+ people holding various identities and in various stages of life, including trans and gender-expansive specific groups.
  - content-focused small groups for allies, clergy, parents, queer clergy, trans and gender expansive identities, and small groups focusing on Bible study, sexuality and spirituality, spiritual practices, and more.

[PFLAG](#), offering support and resources for parents of lgbtq+ youth

### [LGBTQ National Help Center](#)

- Hotlines for general support, youth, seniors, coming out
- [Resources to support self-harm prevention and self-care](#)
- [LGBT Near Me National Resource Database](#)

### [Trans Lifeline](#)

Peer led organization offering financial and emotional for trans people in crisis

### [Transmission Ministry Collective](#)

Online community dedicated to spiritual care, faith formation, and leadership potential of transgender and gender-expansive Christians

- [Monthly Live Bible Studies \(Zoom\)](#)  
Resources for nonbinary and transgender Christians
  - [Discord server](#)

- [Support groups \(Zoom\)](#) for trans people of color, partners of trans people, intergenerational support group, general support group, non-binary and gender expansive support group
- [Community Hangouts \(Zoom\)](#)

## Scripture and Theology

Beardsley, Christina, and Michelle O'Brien, eds. *This Is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd., 2016.

[Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion](#) at the Pacific School of Religion

- ["Biblical Sexuality and Gender: Renewing Christian Witness to the Gospel" \(2011\)](#)

Gender Spectrum, ["Responding to the 'Clobber Passages' in Jewish and Christian Scripture"](#)

Hartke, Austen. *Transforming: The Bible & the Lives of Transgender Christians*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.

- ["Nonbinary gender and the diverse beauty of creation" \(The Christian Century, 2018\)](#)

Hooper, Liam M. *Trans-forming Proclamation: A Transgender Theology of Daring Existence*. Other Wise Engaged Publishing, 2020.

Hornsby, Teresa, and Deryn Guest. *Transgender, Intersex, and Biblical Interpretation*. SBL Press, 2016.

Human Resources Campaign

- ["Out in Scripture" \(collection of 175 conversations about the Bible\)](#)
- ["What Does the Bible Say About Transgender People?"](#)

Kearns, Shannon TL. *In the Margins: A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture* (2022).

- *Walking Toward Resurrection: a transgender passion narrative*. Downloadable pdf at: <http://www.shannonlkearns.com/passion/>

[Keddie, Tony. "God made them male and female ... and eunuch': why the Biblical case for binary gender isn't so ... biblical" \(Religion Dispatches, 2020\)](#)

More Light Presbyterians

- ["Ashes to Rainbows" queer Lenten devotional](#)

[The Reformation Project, "The Bible and Transgender Inclusion Guide"](#)

Queer Grace: An Online Encyclopedia for LGBTQIA+ and Christian Life

- [Joseph's Technicolor Dream-Dress](#)
- [Is the eunuch of Acts 8 nonbinary?](#)

[Queer Theology website](#), offering queer and trans readings of scripture as well as other resources

Soughers, Tara K. *Beyond a Binary God: A Theology for Trans\* Allies*. New York: Church Publishing, 2018.

Soulforce

- [“Breaking Open Gender Diversity in the Bible”](#)
- [“Breaking Open Genesis 1: The Gender of God and Creation”](#)

Hall, Suzanne DeWitt. *Transfigured: A 40-day Journey Through Scripture for Gender-queer and Transgender People*. A Where True Love Is devotional (2018)

Hornsby, Teresa J., and Ken Stone, *Bible Trouble: Queer Reading and the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship*. SBL Press, 2011.

Hornsby, Teresa, and Deryn Guest. *Transgender, Intersex, and Biblical Interpretation*. SBL Press, 2016.

[Whitaker, Robyn. “God made the rainbow: why the Bible welcomes a gender spectrum” \(The Conversation, 2019\)](#)

## Welcome and inclusion

Beardsley, Christina, and Chris Dowd. *Trans Affirming Churches: How to Celebrate Gender-Variant People and Their Loved Ones*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2020.

[Bongiovanni, Archie and Jimerson, Tristan. \*A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns\* \(2018\)](#)

[Center for American Progress, “Transgender Welcome: A Bishop Makes the Case for Affirmation” \(2016\)](#)

Gender Spectrum

Organization offering education, training, and support for gender-diverse children and their supporters, including faith communities

- [Downloadable resources list](#), including best practices for faith communities; gender inclusive language; resources for allies; advocating for trans rights; understanding gender, and more.

Human Resources Campaign

- [“For They Know Not What They Do” film, film discussion guide, and toolkit](#)
- [“A Christian Conversation Guide: Creating Safe and Inclusive Spaces for People Who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender”](#)

Institute for Welcoming Resources

- [transAction - A Transgender Curriculum for Churches and Religious Institutions](#)

[Many Voices, Black Church Movement for Gay and Transgender Justice](#)

- Resources for education, worship, scripture, children and youth

Q Christian

- [“Affirmation Guide for Trans and Gender-Expansive Identities”](#)
- [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion learning sessions, including several focused on transgender and non-binary specific issues](#)
- [“Relational Guide for Clergy”](#)
- [“Relational Guide for Allies”](#)

[Queer Theology website](#), offering resources for queer and transgender Christians

- [Resources for allies of trans people](#)
- Transgender Day of Remembrance resources

[ReconcilingWorks](#)

Lutheran organization for the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people.

- [Online trainings](#): inclusive church, consent building, bias, and lgbtq 101
- Collected resources for:
  - [Sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression](#), including asexuality, terminology, needs of aging LGTBQ people, Spanish-language LGBTQ resources, hospitality best practices for welcoming congregations
  - [Youth and family ministry](#)
  - [LGBTQIA+ welcome in rural communities](#)
  - [Inclusive worship, liturgy, and scripture](#)
  - [Advocacy for LGBTQIA+ communities](#)
  - [Spanish-language resources](#)

Tanis, Justin. *Trans-Gender: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith* (2018)

[Transmission Ministry Collective](#)

Online community dedicated to spiritual care, faith formation, and leadership potential of transgender and gender-expansive Christians

- [Resource list for ministry professionals](#)
  - [Resources for building inclusive communities](#)
- [List of liturgical resources](#)

TransEpiscopal

Episcopalians advocating for full inclusion of transgender and nonbinary people in TEC

- [Blog](#) (stories, statements and articles from 2007 to the present)
- [Embracing Non-binary folks: a brief guide for churches](#)
- [Policies and Legislation](#) (overview of legislation passed by General Convention since 2004)

United Church of Christ

- [Transgender Day of Remembrance: Take Action](#)
- [Prayer for TDOR](#)

## Children and Youth

[Beloved, Arise](#)

- [Support groups for LGBTQ+ youth \(Zoom\)](#)
- [Youth Alliance leadership development program](#)
- [Map of affirming youth and campus ministry groups](#)

Bruesehoff, Jamie. *Raising Kids Beyond the Binary: Celebrating God's Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children* (Minneapolis: Broadleaf Books, 2023)

[Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion](#) at the Pacific School of Religion

- [52 Ways to Expand Your Welcome to LGBTQ+ People and Our Families](#) series
- [Transitioning to Inclusion: a guide to welcoming transgender children and their families in your community of faith](#)

[Dawson, Juno., \*What's the T?: The guide to All Things Trans and/or Nonbinary\* \(2022\)](#)

Finke, Leah (ed.). *Queerfully and Wonderfully Made: A Guide for LGBTQ+ Christian Teens* (2020)

- companion handbook for adults: Finke, Leah (ed). *Welcoming and Affirming: A Guide for Supporting and Working with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth* (2020)

[Many Voices, Black Church Movement for Gay and Transgender Justice](#)

- Resources for education, worship, scripture, children and youth

Murray, Ross. *Made, Known, Loved: Developing LGBTQ-Inclusive Youth Ministry* (2021)

[The Naming Project](#)

Ministry organization for youth of all sexual and gender identities that provides resources for youth, parents, pastors, etc, as well as hosts a youth summer camp

[Reconciling Works, "Guide to Welcome LGBTQIA+ Youth and Their Families"](#)

Sanders, Cody. *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth* (2017)

The Trevor Project

- [The Trevor Project Lifeline](#) (24/7 suicide prevention and mental health support: chat, text, or phone)
- [Trevor Space \(online community\)](#)

- [Resource Center](#) for information on sexuality, gender, mental health, suicide prevention, diversity of LGBTQ+ experience

### [Trans Student Educational Resources](#)

Youth-led organization providing workshops and educational resources, including helpful [infographics](#) about gender identity and expression (the [gender unicorn](#)), pronouns, trans visibility, support for trans youth, queer youth of color, gender grammar, allyship, and more

### Liturgy

Budeway, Stephanie A. "Worship, Gender, and Sexuality," from *A Worship Workbook: A Practical Guide for Extraordinary Liturgy* (2021).

*Liturgy with a Difference: Beyond Inclusion in the Christian Assembly*, edited by Stephen Burns and Bryan Cones (2019).

Partridge, Cameron. "Very Members Incorporate: Expansive Common Prayer." In *In Spirit and Truth: A New Vision of Episcopal Worship*, edited by Stephanie Budwey, Kevin Moroney, Sylvia Sweeney, and Samuel Torvend. New York: Church Publishing (2021)

Thornton, Max. "Trans/criptions: gender, disability, and liturgical experience." *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly* 6:3 (2019): 358-367.

#### Rites of Renaming

"A Service of Renaming," *Book of Occasional Services*

- [BOS 2018, p. 120](#)
- [BOS 2022, p. 149](#)

[Anglican Church of Canada, "Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys of Gender Affirmation and Transition" \(2023\)](#)

*Changes: Prayers and Services Honoring Rites of Passage* (Church Publishing, 2007)

[House of All Sinners and Saints, "Liturgical Naming Rite for a Transgender Church Member"](#)

[Many Voices, "Liturgy for the Claiming of a New Name"](#)

[Renaming Rite from \*Transfaith: A Transgender Pastoral Resource\* \(Chris Dowd and Christina Beardsley, with Justin Tanis\)](#)



Transgender Day of Remembrance  
United Church of Christ, [Prayer for TDOR](#)

[Holy Spirit Blog. A prayerful lament+vigil for Trans Day of Remembrance](#)

[Q Spirit, Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

## Spanish-language Resources

[De la Torre, Miguel A. \*A La Familia: Una Conversación Sobre Nuestras Familias, la Biblia, la Orientación Sexual y la Identidad de Género\*](#)

[Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement](#)

Reconciling Works, Lutheran organization for the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people  
- [Spanish-language resources](#)

[Teología Sin Vergüenza](#)

Spanish-language digital media project by and for queer Latinx people

Encuentros Latinx Transvisibility (UCC)

- Toolkit: [Spanish](#) | [English](#)
- [podcast](#)

[QChristian.org](#)

- [Una Introducción a la Teología LGBTI](#)
- [Manual relacional: clero](#)

[Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion](#) at the Pacific School of Religion

- [Guía para la bienvenida de personas transgénero en congregaciones](#)

## LGBTQ+ 101

Bell, Charlie. *Queer Holiness: The Gift of LGBTQI People to the Church* (2022)

Cheng, Patrick. *Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology* (2011)

—*From Sin to Amazing Grace: Discovering the Queer Christ* (2012)

—*Rainbow Theology: Bridging Race, Sexuality, and Spirit* (2013)

Edman, Elizabeth M. *Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity* (2016)

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

Kundtz, David, and Bernard Schlager, *Ministry Among God's Queer Folk: LGBTQ Pastoral Care* (2019)

Q Christian

- ["Affirmation Guide for Sexuality and Spirituality"](#)
- [Relational Guide for Parents of Newly Out LGBTQ+ People](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Theology 101](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Terminology](#)

[Queer Theology website](#), offering resources for queer and transgender Christians

Rodgers, *Outlove: A Queer Christian Survival Story* (2021)

The Trevor Project

- [Sexual Orientation](#)
- [Coming Out Handbook](#)

Vines, Matthew. *God and the Gay Christian* (2014)

## Further Reading/Resources

### [TransParent Reading Lists](#)

- [Advocacy](#)
- [Children's books](#)
- [Gender Basics](#)
- [Memoirs](#)
- [Parenting](#)
- [Teens](#)
- [Workbooks and Journals](#)

Althaus-Reid, Marcella, and Lisa Isherwood, eds. *Trans/Formations*. SCM Press, 2009.

Anderson, Dianna E., *In Transit: Being Non-Binary in a World of Dichotomies* (2022)

Barker, Meg-John and Iantaffi, Alex. *Life Isn't Binary: On Being Both, Beyond, and In-Between* (2019).

Buechel, Andy. *That We Might Become God: The Queerness of Creedal Christianity* (2015).

Burke, Sean D. *Queering the Ethiopian Eunuch: Strategies of Ambiguity in Acts*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.

Cornwall, Susannah, ed. *Intersex, Theology, and the Bible: Troubling Bodies in Church, Text, and Society*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

Cornwall, Susannah, and Adrian Thatcher. "Intersex and Transgender People" in *The Oxford Handbook of Theology, Sexuality, and Gender*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2015.

DeFranza, Megan K. *Sex Difference in Christian Theology: Male, Female, and Intersex in the Image of God*. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2015.

Devun, Leah. *The Shape of Sex: Nonbinary Gender from Genesis to the Renaissance* (2021)

Espinoza, Robyn Henderson. "El Cuerpo Como (un) Espacio de Frontera: the Body as (a) Borderland Space" in *New Frontiers in Latin American Borderlands*, edited by Leslie Cecil, 41-48. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012.  
—*Activist Theology*. Fortress Press, 2019.  
—*Body Becoming: A Path to Our Liberation*. Minneapolis, MN: Broadleaf Books, 2022.

Garcia, Kevin. *Bad Theology Kills: Undoing Toxic Belief and Reclaiming Your Spiritual Authority* (2020)

Gray, Vicki. *Troublemaker: Troubling Words for Troubled Times. A Deacon Reflects on the Needs, Concerns, and Hopes for the World*. Red Moon Publications, 2013.

Hornsby, Teresa J., and Ken Stone, *Bible Trouble: Queer Reading and the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship*. SBL Press, 2011.

[Integrity USA, "Voices of Witness: Out of the Box"](#)

More Light Presbyterians

- [Out of Order documentary](#)

Paige, Chris. "Otherwise" in *The Other Side* vol. 37 no. 3 (2001): 33-35.

— *Otherwise Christian: A Guidebook for Transgender Liberation*. Otherwise Engaged Publishing, 2019. *All books available directly from Otherwise Engaged Publishing: <https://otherwiseengaged.square.site>*

— ed. *Otherwise Christian 2: Stories of Resistance*. Otherwise Engaged Publishing, 2020. *[including stories from three Episcopal authors: Carla Robinson, Mycroft Masada Holmes, and Cameron Partridge]*

- *In Remembrance of Me, Bearing Witness to Transgender Tragedy: An Otherwise Reflection Guide*. Otherwise Engaged Publishing, 2020.
- *Christian Faith and Gender Identity: An Otherwise Reflection Guide*. Otherwise Engaged Publishing, 2020.

Twist, Jos and Barker, Meg-John (eds.). *Non-Binary Lives: An Anthology of Intersecting Identities* (2020).

Tonstad, Linn. *Queer Theology*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018.

Weekley, David Elias. *Retreating Forward: A Spiritual Practice with Transgender Persons* (2017)

West, Mona and Robert Shore-Goss (eds). *The Queer Bible Commentary, 2nd edition*.

Wolff, Michelle. "A diptych reading of Christ's transfiguration: trans and intersex aesthetics reveal baptismal identity" in *Theology and Sexuality* 25:1-2 (2019): 98-110.