

SUGGESTED READING LIST: PEOPLE OF FAITH



**THE BIBLE AND THE
TRANSGENDER
EXPERIENCE**
How Scripture Supports Gender Variance



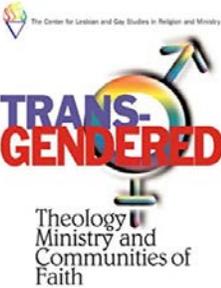
LINDA TATRO HERZER

Title: The Bible And The Transgender Experience

Author: Linda Tatro Herzer

Summary: A must read for all pastors, chaplains, counselors, and congregants, and for family and friends of transgender people, as well as for gender variant individuals seeking to find their stories in the biblical narrative, and desiring to know how scripture supports them.

Includes a discussion guide for small group and individual study.



The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry
**TRANS-
GENDERED**
Theology
Ministry and
Communities of
Faith

Title: Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith

Author: Justin Edward Tanis

Summary: Dr. Tanis provides the reader with a solid argument about the validity of gender variant people in our churches and in our society through the use of personal stories of his journey and the journey of others as well as solid scriptural evidence. If you are grappling with your own gender identity or if you are trying to understand the gender identity of someone in your life this book will open your eyes in ways you could have never imagined.

**TRANSGENDER
CHILDREN OF GOD**



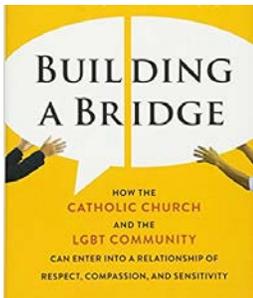
Title: Transgender Children of God

Author: Megan Rohrer

For Ages: 16+

Type: Illustrated book

Summary: Celebrates the diverse choices that transgender individuals can make throughout their life and declares that God will love us no matter what we choose, wear, who we love or how we identify. This book affirms transgender parents, though it can be read by any progressive, interfaith family members.

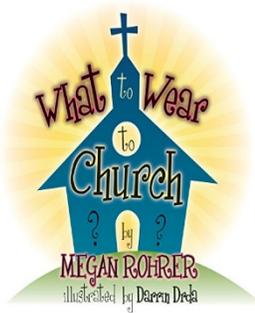


**BUILDING
A BRIDGE**
HOW THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND THE
LGBT COMMUNITY
CAN ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP OF
RESPECT, COMPASSION, AND SENSITIVITY

Title: Building A Bridge: The Catholic Church and the LGBT Community

Author: James Martin

Summary: Uses the image of a two-way bridge to enable LGBT Catholics and the Church to come together and end the "us" vs. "them" mentality.



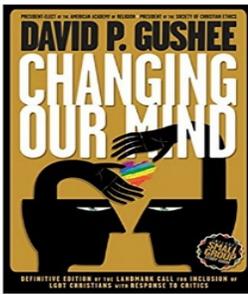
Title: What To Wear To Church?

Author: Megan Rohrer

For Ages: 4 - 9

Type: Illustrated book

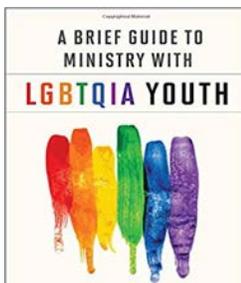
Summary: Reminds all children that no matter what clothes they wear God will always love them. The first openly transgender pastor ordained in the Lutheran church, Pastor Megan wants children to know that God loves them in their PJ's, princess dresses and super hero outfits.



Title: Changing Our Mind

Author: David P. Gushee

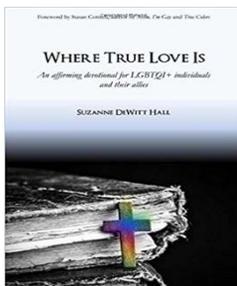
Summary: "Every generation has its hot-button issue, for us, it's the LGBT issue." In *Changing Our Mind*, the author takes the reader along his personal and theological journey as he changes his mind about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender inclusion in the Church. Refreshingly clear and understandable by 'common people' who know neither philosophical nor theological mumbo jumbo.



Title: A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth

Author: Cody J. Sanders

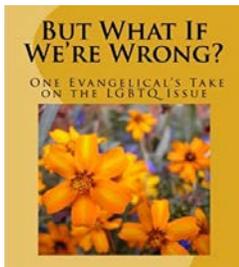
Summary: Despite our best efforts to create welcoming and affirming congregations, the reality is that church can still be a harmful place to LGBTQIA youth. Designed for congregations that currently have a theologically and biblically affirming stance toward the LGBTQIA community, this unique resource provides insight and practical advice for tough questions.



Title: Where True Love Is: A Devotional for LGBTQI+ Christians & Allies

Author: Suzanne DeWitt Hall

Summary: A 90-day Biblical exploration of God, scripture, the law, gender, sexuality, marriage, and more. After reading it, you'll be able to offer a Bible-based defense of the validity of LGBTQI+ Christian faith, and you'll encounter the gorgeous, loving complexity of a God who can't be stuffed into a book-sized box.



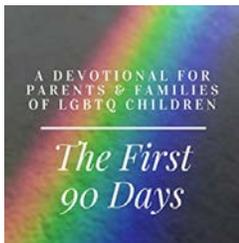
Title: *But What If We're Wrong (One Evangelical's Take on The LGBTQ Issue)*

Author: Jacqui Turner

For Ages: Adult

Type: Personal narrative

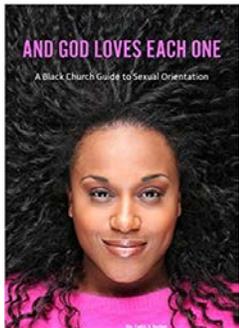
Summary: "What if we're wrong about the 'gay' thing?" The implications of this question have kept me up at night. This booklet follows my journey from being a board member of a local Exodus group, to an ally in the LGBTQ community.



Title: *The First 90 Days (A Devotional for Parents & Families of LGBTQ Children)*

Author: Candice M. Czubernat

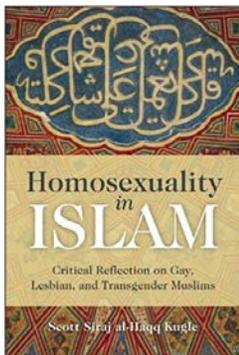
Summary: For family and friends in the midst of their own journey, needing just as much time, space and support. Not meant to guide you to a specific conclusion, but to help you journey through the first three months of your child coming out.



Title: *And God Loves Each One (A Black Church Guide to Sexual Orientation)*

Author: Rev. Cedric A. Harmon, Ann Thompson Cook

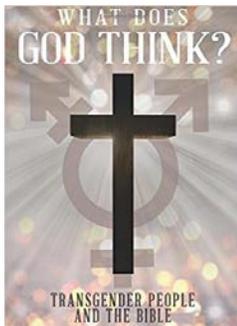
Summary: Many Voices: A Black Church Movement for Gay & Transgender Justice published this introductory guide to break the silence. It provides a path to educate ourselves, to re-examine long-held teachings and beliefs, and to listen deeply to whole segments of our community.



Title: *Homosexuality in Islam*

Author: Scott Siraj-al-Haqq Kugle

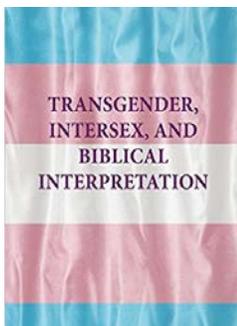
Summary: Numerous scholars and commentators maintain that the Qur'an and Hadith rule unambiguously against same-sex relations. This pioneering study argues that there is far more nuance to the matter than most believe. This is the first book length treatment to offer a detailed analysis of how Islamic scripture, jurisprudence, and Hadith, can not only accommodate a sexually sensitive Islam, but actively endorse it.



Title: What Does God Think?: Transgender People and The Bible

Author: Cheryl B. Evans

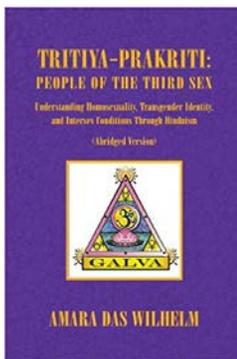
Summary: An invitation to examine the scriptures and give consideration to the social, cultural, and scientific facts that impact what we believe, and the way we internally feel about transgender people. If you have been struggling to understand how someone can be Christian and still accept and affirm transgender people then this book is for you. If you know someone who is struggling to accept a loved one who has come out as trans, this would be the book to recommend.



Title: Transgender, Intersex and Biblical Interpretation

Author: Teresa J. Hornsby

Summary: Introduces readers to terms for the various identities of trans people and how the Bible can be an affirmation of those deemed other by communities. Offers readings of well known and not so well known narratives to illustrate that the Bible has been translated and interpreted with a bias that makes heterosexuality and a two sex, two gender system natural, and thus divinely ordained. Shows that in the Bible gender and sex are always dynamic categories that do, and must, transition.



Title: Tritiya-Prakriti: Understanding Homosexuality, Transgender Identity and Intersex Conditions Through Hinduism

Author: Amara Das Wilhelm

Summary: A collection of research into a topic seldom discussed or easily found within the Hindu/Vedic scriptural canon. Based entirely upon authentic Sanskrit references and modern concurring facts, the book guides us through the original Hindu concept of a "third sex" (defined as homosexual, transgender and intersex), how such people were constructively incorporated into ancient Indian society, and how foreign influences eventually eroded that noble system.