

Faith and LGBTQIA+ Inclusion

Finding Affirmation Within Faith Communities and Traditions

For some, it may seem like you have to choose between a faith identity and your Queer identity. Folks who identify within the LGBTQIA+ communities may feel like a faith identity is incompatible with who they are or the community is unsafe. Alternatively, folks who hold faith commitments may not see examples within their tradition affirming who they are. This resource was put together by The Compass Center and the Interfaith Council at Butler to provide examples of faith communities and traditions from various faith traditions that affirm and welcome those within the LGBTQIA+ communities. The resources are not comprehensive, but provide examples of communities, online networks, personal stories, and intellectual exploration of how people live into the complexity of a fully queer and fully faith-filled life.

If you would like further conversation about these topics or an opportunity to learn more about affirming faith communities on Butler's campus or in Indianapolis, please reach out to [The Compass Center](#).

General Resources:

- [Faith Resources - Human Rights Campaign \(hrc.org\)](#)
- [LGBTQ Religious Archives Network](#)

Atheist and Agnostic

- [Queer Disbelief: Why LGBTQ Equality Is an Atheist Issue by Camille Beredjick | Goodreads](#)
- [Reconciliation: Queer, Agnostic, and Indian – Reclamation Magazine](#)

Buddhism:

- [Gay Buddhist Fellowship | Perspectives on the intersection of Buddhism and queer life in modern times](#)
- [Stances of Faiths on LGBTQ+ Issues: Buddhism - Human Rights Campaign \(hrc.org\)](#)
- [Pamela Ayo Yetunde | Oral Histories | LGBTQ Religious Archives Network](#)
- [Welcoming the Rainbow Booklet | Rainbodhi](#)

Christianity:

LGBTQIA+ Affirming Congregations Near Butler:

- Fairview Presbyterian Church: [Who We Are — Fairview \(fairviewindy.org\)](#)
- First Congregational United Church of Christ: [Home \(fcindy.org\)](#)
- Life Journey Church: [LJC Website – LifeJourney Church](#)
- Meridian Street United Methodist Church: [HOME | Meridian Street](#)
- Northwood Christian Church: [Northwood Christian ChurchWelcome — Northwood Christian Church \(indyncc.org\)](#)
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church: [St. Paul's Indy \(stpaulsindy.org\)](#)
[LGBTQ Ministry - The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis \(indydio.org\)](#)

Resources:

- [10 Bible Passages That Teach a Christian Perspective on Homosexuality | Sojourners](#)
- [Can You Be Queer and Christian?. Inside the movement of LGBTQ Christian... | by Jonathan Parks-Ramage | Medium](#)
- [Faith Resources for Christians - PFLAG](#)
- [Home - theblacktransprayerbook](#)
- [Kelly Brown Douglas' Book "Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective](#)
- [Noah Mitchell: Black, Gay, & Christian: Creating Affirming Spaces | TED Talk](#)
- [Orthodox and Gay | Helpful links](#)
- [The Orthodox-Catholic Church of America: A Welcoming and Affirming Community](#)
- [QueerTheology.com | Resources for LGBTQ+ Christians and Supporters - Queer Theology](#)
- [Religion and LGBTQ+: Embracing Two Worlds | Vincent Mascarenas | TEDxMoreauCatholicHS \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Resources - The Reformation Project](#)

Hinduism:

- [GALVA-108 \(galva108.org\): Gay & Lesbian Vaishnava Association - Information & Support for LGBTI Vaishnavas & Hindus](#)
- [HAF Policy Brief: Hindu Teachings Inclusive of LGBT People - Hindu American Foundation](#)
- [Meet the Hindu Priest Officiating L.G.B.T.Q. Weddings - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
- [Shikhandi: the Mahabharata's transgender warrior \(hinduamerican.org\)](#)
- [Stances of Faiths on LGBTQ+ Issues: Hinduism - Human Rights Campaign \(hrc.org\)](#)
- [Storytelling: LGBT themes in Hindu mythology | Parenting News - The Indian Express](#)
- [Where we stand on the issues \(hinduamerican.org\)](#)

Islam:

- [Bangladesh opens mosque for transgender hijra community | In Pictures | Al Jazeera](#)
- [Homosexuality in Islam | Oneworld \(oneworld-publications.com\)](#)
- [Imam Muhsin Hendricks: Promoting an Inclusive Islam for LGBTQ+ Muslims \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Just Me and Allah: A Queer Muslim Photo Project \(tumblr.com\)](#)
- ['I'm hoping there will be more queer imams' | Global development | The Guardian](#)
- [The MASGD: Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity](#)
- [Queer Jihad: LGBT Muslims on Coming Out, Activism, and the Faith a book by Afdhere Jama \(bookshop.org\)](#)
- [Wellbeing Hub • Hidayah LGBT+](#)

Judaism:

- [14 Jews Who Changed Queer History Forever - Hey Alma](#)
- [Faith Resources for Jews - PFLAG](#)
- [Home - JQ International](#)
- [Keshet - For LGBTQ Equality in Jewish Life \(keshetonline.org\) Queer Jewish Narratives \(LGBTQIA+ Reads\) | Jewish Book Council](#)
- [Mishkan Ga'avah: Where Pride Dwells \(English and Hebrew Edition\): Eger, Denise L, Eger, Rabbi Denise L, Loren, Ostrow](#)
- [TransTorah > Resources](#)

Sikhism:

- [orinam | LGBTQIA+ Support, Chennai](#)
- [Power of Pride: Queer & Sikh | Logo TV \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Sarbat Sikhs](#)
- [Sukhdeep Singh: “I Want To Assure Other Young Queer Sikhs That One Could Be Gay and Sikh” \(salzburgglobal.org\)](#)

Wiccan and Pagan

- [Column: Ten Essential Books for the Queer Pagan - Book Reviews, Culture, Paganism, Perspectives, Reviews, Spotlight on Tradition, Witchcraft \(wildhunt.org\)](#)
- [Queer and Wicca: a contradiction? – The Queerness](#)
- [Sacred Bodies | The Pluralism Project](#)