

# *More Light Presbyterians Resources*

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## **Buttons**

More Light Churches Network Button: a white Celtic cross with interwoven pink triangle on a black background, no lettering. \$26 for 50, postage included. Make check to "MLP" and mail to Resources Coordinator.

Ally of Gays, Lesbians button: A pink triangle on white background with the word ALLY across the triangle. \$20 for 25, \$38 for 50. Contact Ken Wolvington, 118 Shore Rd, Burlington, VT 05401. Phone 802-862-6605.

## **Art**

"A Vision of More Light", Poster made famous at its introduction during the 1996 General Assembly of PC(USA) meeting in Albuquerque NM. Colorful images: Sun, moon, rainbow, diverse people, bread, chalice, communion table. \$15+ \$3 postage. Make check to Katie Morrison, 2340 LeConte Ave #303, Berkeley CA 94709. 510-649-1183.

The Washington Stained Glass Works, an economic development ministry of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest D.C. since 1853. Three current designs: The Presbyterian Cross, the Rainbow Cross, the Freedom Cross. Made of high quality European and domestic cathedral glass. Also customizes in custom design for churches, homes and special applications. Please contact Rev Brian Hamilton, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 "I" Street, SW, Washington DC 20024. 202-484-7700.

## **Print**

MLP Recommended Resources. Reproducible 7 page list of buttons, art, newsletters, study guides, videos and books. \$0.80 each, 1 copy free. Contact Resources Coordinator.

TOP TEN REASONS to become a More Light Church. Free with donation to MLP. Contact Resources Coordinator.

SAMPLE MORE LIGHT STATEMENTS. Free with donation to MLP. Contact Resources Coordinator.

Suggestions for "KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE" in your congregation. Free with donation to MLP. Contact Resources Coordinator.

MORE LIGHT BEACON NEWSLETTER, published periodically for congregations and interested individuals who have committed themselves to this ministry. Contact Ken Wolvington, 118 Shore Rd, Burlington VT 05401. 802-862-6605.

OPEN HANDS, quarterly ecumenical journal published by the United Methodist Reconciling Congregations Program in conjunction with several denominational programs including the More Light Presbyterians, Reconciled in Christ (Evangelical Lutheran), and Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ). For subscriptions, write Open Hands, 3801 North Keeler Avenue, Chicago, IL 60641.

MORE LIGHT UPDATE, monthly newsletter published by Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. To receive the newsletter, write PLGC, PO Box 38, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0038. 908-846-1510.

Y.O.U.T.H. Magazine, bimonthly magazine for gay and lesbian youth. The title an acronym for Young Outspoken Ubiquitous Thinking Homo's Magazine, it includes departments on role models, gay history, peer advice, campus news, sports and health. \$12/yr. For subscriptions, contact the magazine at PO Box 34215, Washington, DC 20043, 202-234-3562.

## **Study Guides**

"Basic Steps Toward Community Ministry: Guidelines And Models In Action", Carl Dudley, published by The Alban Institute, New York, 1991. A thorough, practical description of how to prepare and develop a congregation for community ministry. Sections on defining your community, identifying your congregation's biblical foundations, strengths and weaknesses, and organizing for social ministry. Dudley is Professor, Church & Community, Hartford Seminary, Hartford CT.

"Biblical Self Defense Course On Lesbian, Gay And Bisexual Concerns", written by the Rev Lindsay Louise Biddle, Minneapolis, 1993. A compilation of modern biblical scholarship supportive of LGB concerns, course materials examine the handful of "bible-bashing" passages commonly used against homosexuality and explores various interpretations of scripture, including those from denominational studies. Includes bibliography, "Sodomite" word studies, and articles on Gen 19:1-11 S & G, Lev 18:22, 20:13 holiness code, Rom 1:26-27 Paul's letter. Send \$5 donation to MLP, c/o Resource Coordinator.

"Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Fear: Homophobia Education". The General Assembly Social Witness Policy Unit, Louisville, KY, Presbyterian Church (USA), 1985. Biblical-theological perspectives and models for homophobia education. A superb resource of very practical articles. Out of print, but photocopy permission has been granted. Contact MLP Resource Coordinator.

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"Bridges of Respect: Creating Support for Lesbian and Gay Youth" edited by Jenny Hall. 1993. American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA 19102. Available in paperback. Resource Book for youth workers seeking to better serve gay and lesbian youth.

"Can We Talk About This?" An Audio Tape and Study Guide for Christians Preparing to Discuss Homosexuality, by Jeffrey Bessler, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Highly recommended six-session guide. Sections include: Dialogue is risky business, What is Homosexuality? How are we approaching Scripture? What does Scripture say? What do gays and lesbians want? Thinking through the pros and cons. \$5 from ELCA Distribution Center, 426 South Fifth St, Box 1209, Minneapolis MN 55440. 1-800-325-4648.

"Christians and Homosexuality: Dancing Toward the Light", 5th edition, 1995. The Other Side, 300 W Apsley, Philadelphia PA 19144. \$5. 800-700-9280. 15 outstanding articles exploring the nature of homosexuality, biblical and ethical perspectives, personal experiences and the importance of graceful, affirming responses.

"Church Conflict: Living with It! Learning from It!" Spring 1996 edition of Open Hands magazine. Articles, skills, liturgical resources for churches dealing with conflict especially around sexuality issues. Available from Reconciling Congregations Program, 3801 N Keeler, Chicago IL 60641. 773-736-5526.

"Claiming the Promise", 1997. Written by Mary Jo Osterman, in consultation with bible scholars from several Christian denominations. Published by Reconciling Congregation Program, in cooperation with eight denominational programs, including MLP. The seven-session adult curriculum Bible study, is well-researched, highly accessible and comes complete with separate Leader's guide. Study guide \$5.95 each +\$2.05 shipping. Leader's guide \$9.95 +\$2.05 shipping. Contact Resources coordinator.

"Homosexuality and the Bible", 1997. 14-page pamphlet written and published by Walter Wink, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City. Wink is well known for his work on nonviolence and reconciliation, recently receiving "Religious Book of the Year" for Engaging the Powers. Made available at cost by MLP, \$0.30 each plus \$0.50 shipping. Contact Resources Coordinator.

"Is Homosexuality A Sin?" (booklet, 23 p.) Prominent religious leaders across the country give their personal opinions in response to the questions, "Does God regard homosexuality a sin?" "Do the Scriptures object to homosexuality?" and others. 1 copy -\$1.35, 2-10 copies, \$1.10 each. PFLAG, 1101 14th St NW, Suite 1030, Washington DC 20005. 202-638-4200.

"More Light Resource Packet", continually updated. Perennial favorite, this packet is the best investment one can make. Includes Mission Statement, Annual Report, Biblical Self-Defense Course, "How to" ideas for developing More Light commitment in the congregation and becoming a More Light or Inclusive Church, using Faith Journeys to encourage community amidst diversity, sermon examples, sample More Light statements, 1997 Church and Society: Preliminary Study from PCUS, 1978 Church and Homosexuality (Definitive Guidance) UPCUSA, sample congregational policy on covenantal ceremonies for same gender couples, where to find excellent video and print materials and much more. \$16 plus \$3 shipping. Contact Resources Coordinator.

"Ordination and Human Sexuality," the actions and processes of the 1996 General Assembly on that subject, is available as a 20-page reprint from the September/October 1996 issue of Church & Society Magazine. It is free and may be obtained from Presbyterian Distribution Service, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396; (800) 524-2612, as PDS #72-630-96-615.

"Presbyterian Understanding and Use of Holy Scripture and Biblical Authority and Interpretation", 1992. \$1.50 from Distribution Management Services, 1-800-524-2612. Specify DMS # OGA-92-003.

"Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement", 1992. Developed by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, and available in English, Spanish, Korean, booklet, poster, video, training manual. English booklet is \$0.10 from Distribution Management Services, 1-800-524-2612. Specify DMS #DMS-259-93-928. Ask about other related materials.

"The Church And Homosexuality", Report of the United Presbyterian Task Force to Study Homosexuality (principal writer, Byron Shafer), reviews biblical texts traditionally cited, discusses four models of Biblical authority and interpretation, three models of ministry. Includes the 1978 UPCUSA General Assembly Policy Statement and Recommendations. \$1.50 from Distribution Management Services (DMS), 100 Witherspoon St, Room 1A 1425, Louisville, KY 40202-1396. 1-800-524-2612. Specify DMS order #OGA-88-042.

"The Church And Homosexuality: A Preliminary Study", Response of the Council of Theology and Culture to the 1979 General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the United States. The Assembly set aside this document in order to adopt the 1978 Policy Statement of the UPCUSA, prior to reunion of the two denominations. However, the document is noted for its thoughtful reflection of the issues before the church and its noting the traditional boundaries of General Assembly statements which "speaks (only) for itself." Not available from the denomination, send \$5 donation to MLP, c/o Resource Coordinator, listed above.

"To Have and To Hold: Organizing for Our Right to Marry", Robert Bray and Beth Barrett, for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, 1995. \$10. Work kit with background information, organizing tips, guide to starting up a marriage group. NGLTF/Publications, 2320 17th St NW, Washington DC 20009. 202-332-6483. ngltf@ngltf.org.

"Reconciling The Broken Silence: The Church In Dialogue On Gay And Lesbian Issues". Congregational Ministries Division, Louisville, KY, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1993. Six-session study guide for congregations preparing to "engage in honest and open dialogue with gay men and lesbians at a table that does not condemn them", as called for at the 1993 General Assembly. One copy per participant recommended. \$3.95 from Distribution Management Services, 1-800-524-2612. Specify DMS order # 293-93-751.

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"To Be A Church Again", by Jack Hoffmeister, 1993. Collection of papers submitted for study and dialogue on homosexuality and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) \$10. Contact the author at Snedens Landing, 118 Washington Spring Rd, Palisades NY 10964. 914-359-8620.

"When Christians Disagree". Harvey and Lois Seifert, Educational Ministries, 2861-C Saturn St, Brea CA 92621. Eight session adult study on conflicts and decision making related to world peace, economic justice, abortion, political freedom, homosexuality, and preserving the earth.

### Videos

"A Place at the Table". Video, 20 minutes, 1995. Members of Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio share the meaning and significance of developing a ministry of welcome, as a More Light church, which includes gay and lesbian people, African-Americans and people of all ages and economic background. Available free by contacting Dr Hal Porter, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 Wm. H. Taft Rd, Cincinnati OH 45219. 513-281-5945.

"A Time for Caring: A Pastoral Approach to Persons with AIDS", Video with study guide, 37 minutes, 1989. \$23, includes handling. Prepared by Lazarus Project, 7350 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood CA 90046. 213-874-6646. Describes one congregation's response to ministry with persons with AIDS.

"Acts of Kindness: HIV/AIDS Stories of Mutual Ministry", Video with study guide, 28 minutes. Produced by David Thompson, 1991. Shows with stories by people of faith how the church and individuals are responding with acts of kindness to those who are affected by this epidemic. \$29.95 from Presbyterian Church (USA), 1-800-524-2612. Specify DMS order # 257-91-021.

"After Goodbye: An AIDS Story", Video 60 minutes. Produced by Ginny Martin, KERA-TV, Dallas/Ft Worth for PBS, 1993. Award-winning actress Ruby Dee narrates this powerful documentary about the impact of AIDS on the families, friends and members of Dallas' internationally acclaimed Turtle Creek Chorale. This chorus of 200 men has lost more than 60 of its members to AIDS in the past decade. Although grief is a constant presence, "After Goodbye" is a testament to the amazing strength of the human spirit.

"All God's Children", Video 26 minutes. Produced by Woman Vision, 1996. \$29.95 +\$10 shipping. To order, call Transit Media Film Library at 800-343-5540. Contains interviews with African-American leaders who support gay and lesbian rights. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Senator Carol Moseley-Braun and Congresswoman Maxine Waters are among the black pastors and leaders who are interviewed. Harvard professor Cornell West is also interviewed. "If I have one word for fellow Christians, I would ask them to keep their eyes on the love of Jesus and to not confuse the blood at Calvary with the Kool-Aid of homophobia in America," West said in the video. "By being open enough to everybody, it means that we have to call into question our own particular prejudices that we inherit that have nothing to do with the loving gospel of Jesus."

"Always My Kid: A Family Guide to Understanding Homosexuality", Triangle Video Productions, 1994. 74 minutes. Explores personal stories of coming out and the reactions and questions which immediately follow. \$26.96 plus shipping. From Triangle Video Productions, 550 Westcott, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. 713-869-4477.

"An Unexpected Journey", Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - Denver, 1992. 29 mins. Shows families dealing with the "coming out" of loved ones; the pain of lesbians, gay men, and their family members, as well as the joy of reconciliation. \$30. From PFLAG-Denver, PO Box 18901, Denver, CO 80218. 303-333-0286.

"Be True to Yourself", Video and study guide, 28 minutes, 1991. Produced by Twentyfirst Century News, 6655 North Canyon Crest Drive, Suite 12272, Tucson, AZ 85715. 602-577-1397. Approximately \$39. Gay male couple, Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, has conversation with 10 teenagers, gay and straight.

"Before Stonewall, The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community". Video, 87 minutes. Produced by John Scagliotti, 1986. Winner of 2 Emmy Awards including Best Historical Program, this documentary, narrated by author Rita Mae Brown, uses film archives and interviews to relate the sometimes horrifying public and private existences experienced by American homosexuals from around 1920 to the present day.

"Both of My Moms' Names are Judy: Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak Out." Video, 10 minutes. A project of Lesbian and Gay Parents Association. 6705 California St #1, San Francisco CA 94121. 415-387-9886. Presents interviews of a diverse group of children, ages 7-11, who have gay or lesbian parents.

"Can We Just Talk About It: The Church and Homosexuality". Video, 35 minutes, 1996. Dr Ben Johnson, Professor of Christian Spirituality, Columbia Theological Seminary, hosts interviews with three people: Thomas Pritchard, candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament who grew up as a missionary kid in Zaire, Africa, Dr Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament and Dr Charles Cousar, Professor of New Testament, both of the Seminary. Available for \$22.95 from CTS Press, 701 Columbia Drive, Decatur GA 30031. 404-289-8952.

"Church Sponsored Halloween Hell Houses". Video 40 minutes, 1995. November 1995 taping of Phil Donahue Show explores the new phenomenon of Halloween Hell House around the country during Halloween and their anti-gay, anti-choice message. Features Rev Loraine Lafontaine of Denver Presbytery, Colorado, who offers an alternative Christian message of hope, justice and love. Available through Video Archives, 41 Paoli Plaza, Paoli PA 19301. 610-695-9370.

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"Conflict in the Church: Division or Diversity?". Video 12 minutes with study guide, 1995. Focuses on different styles of handling congregational conflict. \$25 from Mennonite Central Committee, 717-859-3889.

"Encouraging Marriage, Commitment, Faithfulness: An Update on the Hawaii Equal Rights Marriage Project", Video, 20 minutes, 1996. Contact the Resource Coordinator. Attorney Dan Foley, who represents the gay/lesbian plaintiffs in the Hawaii case, *Baehr v Miike*, provides background and an update on what is happening in Hawaii and its potential effect on the rest of the country.

"The Erotic Contemplative: Reflections on the Spiritual Journey of the Gay/Lesbian Christian". 6 Video set, from 63 to 88 minutes each, 1997. "... the most powerful and insightful study of gay spirituality that I know of." John McNeil. 1: Our Experience. 2: Revisioning Sexuality. 3: Exodus and Awakening. 4: The Desert and the Dark. 5: Liberation. 6: The Road from Emmaus. \$204 from EROSpirit Research Institute, PO Box 8340, New Orleans, LA 70182. 510-428-9063.

"Eve's Daughters". Video 26 minutes. Produced by John Ankele and Anne Macksoud, New York NY, 1995. \$32.95, includes handling. Make check payable to "Leonardo's Children", 26 Neewport Bridge Rd, Warwick NY 10990. 914-986-6888. Features Lisa Larges, Catherine Poethig, Connie Staff, Janie Spahr and others sharing their journeys to liberation as lesbians from heterosexism and subjugation as women by our society. They embody the incredible joy, "aliveness" and gifts to the church and community when we experience this liberation.

"Gay Youth". Video, 40 minutes, 1992. Produced by Pam Walton. Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Youth. BANGLY, c/o Wolfe Video, PO Box 64, New Almaden, CA 95042. 408-268-6782. \$66, including shipping. Highly recommended documentary focuses on lives of two teenagers. A mother talks about her gay son's life and of his suicide, which may have been prevented with better understanding and support. In a second segment, a 17 year-old lesbian prepares for her high school prom.

"It's Elementary. Talking About Gay Issues in School". Video with viewing guide, 77 minutes, 1996. Produced by Helen Cohen & Debra Chasnoff. Women's Educational Media, 2180 Bryant St, Suite 203, San Francisco CA 94110. 415-641-4616. Order via New Day Films, Dept FL, 22-d Hollywood Ave, Hohokus NJ 07423. 201-652-6590. tmcndy@aol.com. \$99 plus \$9 handling. Institutions make check payable to New Day Films, individuals to Women's Educational Media. Winner of CINE Golden Eagle - Best Teacher Education Film. Shows how all children are affected by anti-gay prejudice, what questions they have and where their ideas come from. "An extremely moving portrait... of how we can prevent violence and foster equality."

"Journey of the Heart". Video 58 minutes. Produced by John Ankele and Ann Macksoud, New York NY, 1992. \$39.95. Documentary focuses on racism and homophobia as obstacles on the spiritual journey. Facing fears of difference enables us to be transformed and gives us freedom. Racism segment features Riverside Church, New York City. Homophobia segment features Downtown United Presbyterian Church and is shortened segment of "Maybe We're Talking..." video. Available through EcuFilm, 810 12th Avenue South, Nashville TN 37203. 1-800-251-4091.

"The Judgement Road". Video 38 minutes. \$29.95+\$3.50 shipping. Family Values and Religion make a difference for Michael, when the question of his sexuality arises, and the possibility of suicide. 1996 Regional Award Winner-Best Drama-Academy of Television Arts and Sciences College Competition. Guardian Pictures, 211 Oro Drive, Arroyo Grande CA 93420. 805-473-8176.

"Life Stories on Growing Up Gay in the Christian Church". Video, 1994. 48 minutes, but ideal for two 24 minute video presentations. \$23, includes handling. The Lazarus Project, 7350 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood CA 90046. Features 6 gay/lesbian Christians, including: Lisa, a clergy woman both affirmed but limited by the church, George, who has his Doctorate in Ministry but is denied ordination, and Doug, who is principal of an elementary school honored as model of the year in the LA district. Numerous California cable stations have broadcast this video.

"Listening, Learning, Loving", Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - Detroit, 1989. 30 mins. A look at the "coming out process from the viewpoint of parents, as well as discussion on the "coming out" process of parents. Talks of the difficulties encountered during these processes as well as newfound relationships which develop. \$17. From PFLAG-Detroit, PO Box 145, Framington, MI 48332. 313-478-8408.

"Maybe We're Talking About a Different God -- the Church and Homosexuality; Video, 29 minutes and study guide. Produced by John Ankele and Ann Macksoud, New York NY, 1993. \$32.35, includes handling. Features the Rev Jane Adams Spahr, the Rev Coni Staff and members of the Downtown United Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY. Documentary explores homophobia within the church and the transformation experienced in people's lives through the calling of the Rev Jane Spahr as co-pastor to Downtown Church. Affirms the celebrative lives of gay/lesbian people and calls the church to be the inclusive community of faith for all God's children. Make check payable to "Leonardo's Children", 26 Newport Bridge Rd, Warwick NY 10990. 914-986-6888.

"Mission Jesus' Style: A Networking Tour of the Americas". Video 54 minutes, 1995. This video follows two gay missionaries who traveled from Mexico City over 7 months through 16 countries to establish libraries and encourage local Christians to develop outreach ministries to lesbians and gays in central and south America. Sponsored by The Other Sheep, Multicultural Ministries with Sexual Minorities, Rev Dr Thomas D Hanks, Executive Director, the journey visits with Bethesda United Presbyterian Church, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Bethesda Church has developed an active outreach to gays, lesbians and transgender persons in their community. \$14, including shipping. Available from Sources of Hope Bookstore, PO Box 35466, Dallas TX 75235. 1-800-501-4673.

"On Being Gay: A Conversation with Brian McNaught". Video two 40-minute segments, 1986. Encourages gay and non-gay viewers to realize their individual potential and to replace self-hate with self-esteem, self-doubt with self-knowledge, self-consciousness with self-confidence. Available from TRB Productions, PO Box 2362, Boston MA 02107.

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"One Nation Under God". Video 83 minutes, 1993. Produced by Zinka Benton, New York NY. This film takes us into the strange world of "ex-gay" ministries and "conversion" therapies, revealing funny, bizarre, and often terrifying methods used for decades to "cure" gays and lesbians of their homosexuality. The focus is on two former leaders of one of the biggest ex-gay ministries who just happen to fall in love. Available from First Run Features, 153 Waverly Place, New York NY 10014. 800-229-8575.

"Parents Come Out", Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. 27 mins. \$25. From PFLAG, PO Box 27605, Washington, DC 20028-7605. 202-638-4200.

"Promise Keepers, Equality Bashers", Video, 10 mins. National Organization for Women, Inc, 1998. Footage of PK rallies, outlining goals and objectives, with special commentary by NOW President Patricia Ireland.

"Reunion. One Family Overcomes Religious Homophobia". 21st Century News, 1992. The Rev. Carter Heyward, a lesbian and ordained Episcopal priest, and her family share their stories of reconciliation. Purchase \$22.95. From 21st Century News, 1880 E. River Road #210, Tucson, AZ 85718. 602-327-9555.

"Scared to Death: Gay Youth Suicide". Video, 28 minutes, 1993. \$23 includes handling. Prepared by Lazarus Project, 7350 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood CA 90046. 213-874-6646. Over 30% of youth suicide in U.S. are attributed to young gays, lesbians and bisexuals living in a homophobic society.

Soulforce video series, the Interfaith Justice Ministry of Mel White and Gary Nixon. Video I: "The Rhetoric of Intolerance" White examines misrepresentations by The 700 Club founder, Pat Robertson, and challenges him to recognize and apologize for hurting lesbians and gay men. Video II: "How Can I Be Sure God Loves Me, Too?" 24 mins. Sermon taped at Christ Community Church in Spring Lake, MI. White responds to those who misuse the Bible to make outcasts of God's gay and lesbian children. Video III: "The Trials of Jimmy Creech: One Man's Courageous Stand". Pre-trial interview with this pastor of First Methodist Church, Omaha NE, on ecclesiastical trial for officiating at holy unions of several gay/lesbian couples. Send check for \$10 each to Video (I, II or III), PO Box 4467, Laguna Beach CA 92652.

"Spread the Word". Video with study guide. \$49.95 through EcuFilm, 810 12th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203. 1-800-251-4091. Teens talk with teens about AIDS.

"Straight From the Heart". Woman Vision. 24 mins. Moving accounts of parents' struggle with homophobia upon learning their child is lesbian or gay. These parents journey through the misinformation of the Radical Right to a new understanding of the children they love. \$39.95. Make check to Woman Vision. Send to: Straight From the Heart, 3145 Geary Blvd, Box 421, San Francisco, CA 94118.

"The Rhetoric of Intolerance: An Open-Letter Video to Pat Robertson from Dr. Mel White". Video and users guide, 30 minutes, 1996. Available for \$5.55 from Justice Report, 1280 Bison, Suite B9-431, Newport Beach CA 92660. 714-224-9329.

"We Are All Children of God". Video, 25 minutes, 1996. Several Lesbian and gay Presbyterians share their spiritual journeys and wish for the church to become the welcoming place God intends. Features Janie Spahr, Chris Glaser, Howard Warren, Fred Davie, Lisa Larges, Lisa Anderson. Contact Rutgers Presbyterian Church, 236 W 73rd St, New York NY 10023. 212-877-8227.

"We Were Marked with a Big 'A': Three Gay Holocaust Survivors Tell Their Story". Video 44 minutes. German with English subtitles. Mediengruppe Schwabing Filmproduction, Germany 1991. \$24.95, plus handling. Call the Museum at 202-488-0400. This gripping series of interviews with three gay survivors, one of whom submitted to forced castration as an 'alternative' to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, was shown in the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington DC in December 1993.

"What's Religion Got to Do With Sex?" EcuFilm, 27 mins. From "Questions of Faith III" series. Addresses the Judeo-Christian perspective on sexuality, ministry to nontraditional relationships, and responses to homosexuality. Study guide available. From EcuFilm, 810 Twelfth Avenue S., Nashville, TN 37203. 800-251-4091; 615-242-6277 (TN).

"When a Kid is Gay". Video 60 minutes. Produced by WGBH, Boston. Order from UCC Conference Center, Box 2246, Framingham MA 01701. Good resource for church youth group. Gay and lesbian youth talk about their lives in a direct, accessible way.

"With God on Our Side: The Rise of the Religious Right in America", series of 6 videos, 55 minutes each. Lumiere Productions Inc, 1996, presented by South Carolina ETV. Distributed by PBS Home Video, Public Broadcasting Service. The first balanced and in-depth look at evangelical politics from 1950 to 1994. The PBS broadcast sparked a nationwide dialogue on religion's role in public life. 800-424-7963

"Your Mom's A Lesbian, Here's Your Lunch, Have a Good Day at School". Video 26 minutes. Produced by John Ankele and Ann Macksoude, New York NY 1996. \$32.35 includes handling. Make check payable to "Leonardo's Children", 26 Newport Bridge Rd, Warwick NY 10990. 914-986-6888. In 1976, the Rev Jane Adams Spahr, wife and mother of two small boys, separated from her husband because she was a lesbian. How did this affect her children, her relationship with her husband, her parents, her twin sister? What about the Presbyterian Church of which she is an ordained minister? And how has that decision twenty years ago affected Jane, herself? A look at family values from the inside out.

### **Books**

Alexander, Marilyn Bennett and Preston, James, "We Were Baptized Too: Claiming God's Grace for Lesbians and Gays", with a foreword by Desmond Tutu. Challenges the church to take seriously its understanding of baptism and communion as a means of grace, justice and liberation.

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Aarons, Leroy, "Prayers for Bobby: A Mother's Coming to Terms with the Suicide of Her Gay Son", Harper-San Francisco, 1995. This book about how the Griffith family's love contributed to the suicide of their son is also the story of Mary's growing up, transforming her grief into a passion for advocacy.

Bagemihl, Bruce, Ph.D., "Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity", St. Martin's Press, New York, 1999. Author says homosexuality has been documented in over 450 species. About 2/3 of the book is a catalog by species of homosexual, bisexual, and transgender experience.

Baird, Robert and Stuart Rosenbaum, "Same-Sex Marriage: The Moral and Legal Debate". Prometheus Books, 1997. Variety of perspectives on gender roles, family life, marriage benefits and more.

Bass, Ellen and Kate Kaufman. "Free Your Mind: The Book for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Youth - and their Allies." New York: Harper Collins, 1996. Alive with voices of over fifty young people, this is the definitive practical guide for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth and their families, teachers, counselors, pastors and friends. It speaks to the basic aspects of their lives.

Bawer, Bruce, "Stealing Jesus: How Fundamentalism Betrays Christianity", New York, Crown Publishers, 1997. Points out that the "traditional" beliefs of American fundamentalism are of relatively recent origin, distinctively American in many ways, and dramatically at odds with the values that Jesus actually spread. Major sections include: John Nelson Darby (Premillennialism), Walter Rauschenbusch (Social Gospel), Harry Emerson Fosdick, Paul Pressler and Paige Patterson ("takeover" of the SBC seminaries), Pat Robertson (700 Club), Ralph Read (Christian Coalition), Bill Hybels (Megachurches, especially Willow Creek), James Robson (Focus on the Family), and Bill McCartney (Promise Keepers).

Bernstein, Robert, "Straight Parents, Gay Children: Keeping Families Together". Thunder's Mouth Press, 1995. Personal account by a father who came to terms with his daughter's homosexuality and discovered that his life was not diminished, as he had originally thought, but enriched by it.

Blumenfeld, Warren J, editor, "Homophobia: How We All Pay The Price", Boston, Beacon Press, 1992. Excellent essays show "homophobia stunts the hater even as it oppresses the hated." Includes section on how to run an anti-homophobia workshop.

Boswell, John, "Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality: Gay People in Western Europe from the Beginning of the Christian Era to the Fourteenth Century", Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1980. Winner of 1981 American Book Awards for History. Shows the more varied and tolerant attitudes of the early church began to solidify into opposition only in the 12th and 13th centuries.

Boswell, John, "Same Sex Unions in Premodern Europe", Villard Books, New York, 1994. Traces same-sex unions from Platonic Greece, where the bonding of brotherly equals was considered the noblest form of human contact, to Christianized Europe, in which moral ambivalence toward human sexuality of any kind gradually gave way to intolerance, but not before the Church created liturgies to bless loving unions both straight and gay.

Borhek, Mary V., "Coming Out to Parents: A Two-Way Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men and Their Parents". Pilgrim Press, 1993. Mother of a gay son shares advice and experiences that can help both parents and their gay and lesbian children move through the coming out process.

Boykin, Keith, "One More River to Cross: Black and Gay in America". Anchor Books, 1996. Topics include: black homophobia, gay racism and faith in the lives of black lesbians and gays.

Brash, Alan A., "Facing Our Differences: The Churches and Their Gay and Lesbian Members". Geneva, Switzerland: WCC Publications, 1995. Presbyterian minister from New Zealand, former deputy general of the World Council of Churches points the way towards respectful understanding of divergent interpretations of the Bible, ethics and theology which has profound consequences for the lives of many and for the unity of the church of Jesus Christ.

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