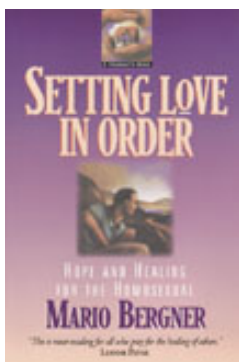


Resources list

Ministry for and with Homosexual Persons
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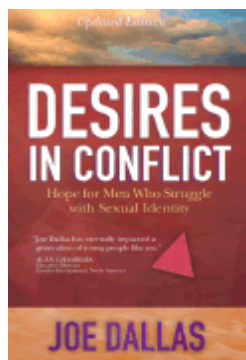
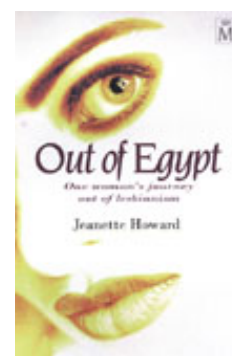
For Individuals or Congregations Ministering to Persons Dealing with Homosexuality



[Setting Love in Order](#), by Mario Bergner (Baker Book House, 1995).
A former homosexual tells his redemptive story of "healing." With great vulnerability, Mario Bergner describes his struggle to be free from what he calls "same-sex ambivalence" and addresses a controversial, timely issue in a redemptive, biblically sound manner.

[Out of Egypt](#), by Jeanette Howard (Kregal Publications, 1991; rev. ed. 2000).

For many years Jeannette was an active lesbian. When, as a result of her new-found faith, she realized the need to change her lifestyle, she could find little immediate help. This book is the result of her five-year walk away from lesbianism. Through it she wants to provide a practical tool that can guide others toward the Promised Land of freedom in Christ.

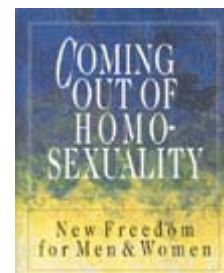


[Desires in Conflict: Hope for Men Who Struggle with Sexual Identity](#), by Joe Dallas (Harvest House, rev. ed. 2001).

For more than a decade, *Desires in Conflict* has been the definitive "must-read" for homosexuals who want to change their lifestyle. Now, author Joe Dallas updates this all-important book to include new information and fresh insight into the increasingly debated subject of sexual orientation.

[Coming Out of Homosexuality: New Freedom for Men & Women](#), by Bob Davies and Lori Rentzel (InterVarsity Press, 1993).

Do you want God's will for your life--but struggle with gay or lesbian desires? The authors of this book understand your dilemma. This is not a theoretical book: it is a practical guide for people struggling with same-sex desires.

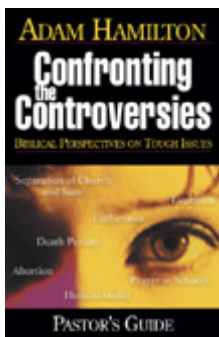
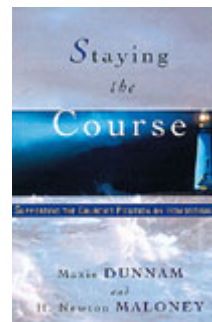


For Youth: [The Map: An Interactive CD](#) (The Portland Fellowship, 2006) A twenty-lesson interactive featuring personal stories of three young men and three young women and how God helped them find freedom from their unwanted homosexuality.

For Congregations Who Want to Understand the Church's Stand

[*Staying the Course: Supporting the Church's Position on Homosexuality*](#), ed. Maxie Dunnam and H. Newton Maloney (Abingdon Press, 2003).

The contributors to this volume are drawn from those who affirm the church's traditional position regarding homosexuality. They have written in order to articulate and deepen the convictions of those who believe that homosexual practice is incompatible with Christian teaching.



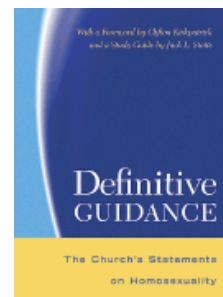
[*Confronting the Controversies*](#), by Adam Hamilton (Abingdon Press, 2005).

One chapter of this resource deals with homosexuality, and the author--a United Methodist pastor--looks at various arguments gently raising questions about how the church expresses its love for homosexual persons while supporting a traditional position on heterosexual marriage as God's ideal plan.

Specifically for Presbyterians

[*Definitive Guidance: The Church's Statements on Homosexuality*](#), by Jack Stotts (Westminster Press, 2004).

Using the statements from the 1977, 1978, and 1979 General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., this ten-session study guide seeks to help Presbyterians understand the denomination's position on homosexuality and the role that "definitive guidance" plays in policy decisions about this issue.



Specifically for United Methodists

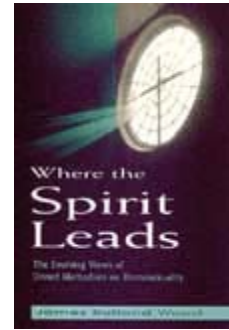


[*The Church Studies Homosexuality*](#), by Dorothy Williams (Cokesbury, 1994). Student: X783798, Leader's Kit: X778964

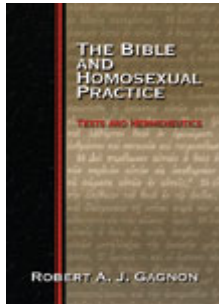
This study book contains the complete text of the Report of the Committee to Study Homosexuality, as received by the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. It also includes the official UM position on homosexuality as contained in the Social Principles, plus other helpful study resources.

[*Where the Spirit Leads: The Evolving Views of United Methodists on Homosexuality*](#), by James Woods (Abingdon Press, 2000).

This volume brings together sound biblical, theological, and sociological arguments. It calls for a faith that remains both biblically based and in touch with the contemporary cultural context and calls to The United Methodist Church to lead society to a culturally aware biblical faith.



For Congregations Seeking to Take an In-depth Look at the Biblical Witness

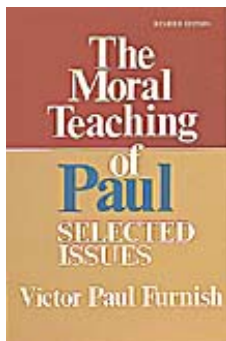
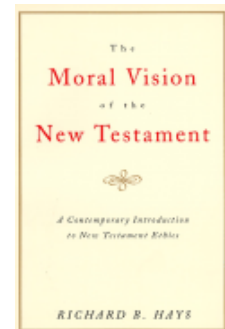


[*The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics*](#), by Robert Gagnon (Abingdon Press, 2003).

Gagnon offers the most thorough analysis to date of the biblical texts relating to homosexuality. He demonstrates why attempts to classify the Bible's rejection of same-sex intercourse as irrelevant for our contemporary context fail to do justice to the biblical texts and to current scientific data. Gagnon's book powerfully challenges attempts to identify love and inclusivity with affirmation of homosexual practice.

[*The Moral Vision of the New Testament*](#), by Richard B. Hays (Harper Collins, 1996).

Suggests a unified ethical stance embedded in the New Testament and makes application to contemporary issues, including homosexuality. On this issue, the ethical stance Hays suggests supports a traditional position.



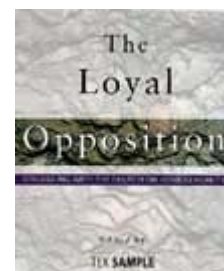
[*The Moral Teaching of Paul: Selected Issues*](#), by Victor Paul Furnish (Abingdon Press, 1985).

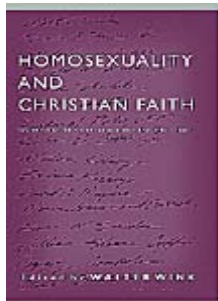
Examines the meaning of Paul's ethical teaching on issues that are divisive in contemporary society, and concludes that the Pauline mentions of homosexuality are descriptive of the generality of human sin and not prescriptive about the sorts of questions raised today, viz., how persons might be admitted into church membership or authorized to offer leadership and so on.

For Congregations Striving for Tolerance and Inclusion

[*The Loyal Opposition: Struggling with the Church on Homosexuality*](#), by Tex Sample and Amy Delong (Abingdon Press, 2000).

The book offers readers a multi-faceted argument that the gospel requires a commitment to the full inclusion of all persons in the body of Christ.



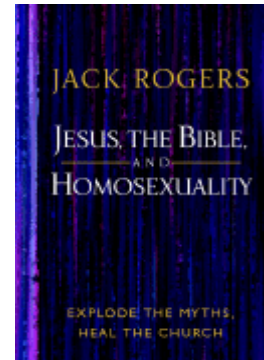


[*Homosexuality and the Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Churches*](#), ed. Walter Wink (Augsburg Fortress, 1999).

This unique resource presents short pieces from some of the nation's most prominent church leaders--Protestant and Catholic, mainline and evangelical--who address the fundamental moral imperatives about homosexuality. Together they invite the reader to open his or her heart to the Spirit, to tolerance, and to Gospel values.

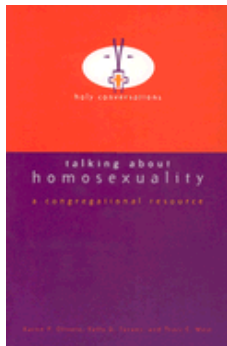
[*Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explore the Myths, Heal the Church*](#), by Jack Rogers (Westminster Press, 2005).

In this controversial book, former seminary professor and church official Jack Rogers argues unequivocally for the ordination of homosexuals and for the extension of full and equal rights in society to all people who are homosexual.



[*Talking about Homosexuality: A Congregational Resource in the Holy Conversations Series*](#), by Karen Oliveto (Pilgrim Press, 2005).

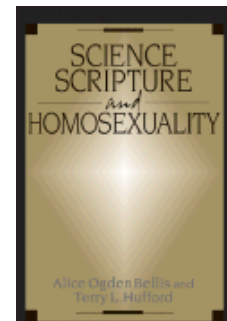
The study resource for theological reflection on homosexuality serves as a tool for people in churches who feel they are surrounded by painful, confusing debates in the church about homosexuality and who want to discover how the Christian tradition can be a constructive--rather than a divisive--resource. Designed to include five two-hour sessions, it uses the categories of the Wesleyan quadrilateral to structure this process: scripture, tradition, experience, and reason.



Theory and Background

[*Science, Scripture and Homosexuality*](#), by Alice Bellis and Terry Huford (Pilgrim Press, 2002).

This book explores the basics of genetics and the growing evidence suggesting an organic basis for homosexual orientation.



[*Homosexuality: The Use of Scientific Research in the Church's Moral Debate*](#), Stanton L. Jones and Mark A. Yarhouse (InterVarsity Press, 2000).

In four central chapters the authors examine how scientific research has been used within church debates--in particular within Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal contexts. They then survey the most recent and best scientific research and sort out what it actually shows. Next they help us interpret the research's relevance to the moral debate within the church. In a concluding chapter they make a strong case for a traditional Christian sexual ethic.