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I. Biblical References and Studies

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Frontain, Raymond-Jean. *Reclaiming the Sacred: the Bible in Gay and Lesbian Culture*. Binghamton: Harrington Park Press, 1997. (Discussion of the connection and disconnection of this culture with the Bible).

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- Kader, Samuel. *Openly Gay, Openly Christian: A Gay-Friendly Approach to Scripture*. San Francisco: Leyland Publications, 1999. (Succinct, clear in interpreting scripture in a non-judgmental manner).
- McNeill, John J. *Taking a Chance on God: Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians, and Their Lovers, Families and Friends*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1988. (An important work which finds scriptural and ethical support for sensual love between people of the same gender. Guides homosexuals in finding freedom from guilt and fear).
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- Truluck, Rembert S. *Recovery from Bible Abuse*. Washington: Chi Rho Press, 2000. (Significant study by former Baptist theologian, now MCC minister on the Bible and homosexuality).
- Wilson, Nancy. *Our Tribe: Queer Folks, God, Jesus and the Bible*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1995. (Gay minister looks at gays' relationships to the faith; readable and narrative in approach).

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- Lance, H. Darrell. "The Bible and Homosexuality." *American Baptist Quarterly*, VIII, No.2, June 1989, pp. 140-151. (Exegesis encourages removing presuppositions and cultural biases which lead to homophobia. Excellent, readable; by Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminary professor).
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- Michener, James. "God is not a Homophobe." *New York Times*, March 30, 1993. (Cogent defense of gay rights by famous writer).
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- * Smith, Paul. "The Bible and Homosexuality:Affirming all Sexual Orientations as Gifts from God." (Essay by the pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO; affirming and accepting of gay relationships. Copies may be ordered from Broadway Baptist Church, 3031 Washington St., Kansas City MO 64111, 816-561-3274).
- * Williamson, George Jr. "A Welcoming and Affirming Biblical Theology." (Position paper by the pastor of First Baptist Church, Granville, OH. One of the best, most thoughtful and helpful pastoral statements calling for faithfulness to the biblical text and to the "outcomes" or implications of those texts. This source is a "must read").

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II. Spirituality and Theology

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Bawer, Bruce. *A Place at the Table: The Gay Individual in American Society*. New York: Poseidon Press, 1993. (Well known cultural critic for the Wall Street Journal pleads eloquently for inclusion of gays as a part of the mainstream of American society, not as a sub-culture).

Bess, Howard H. *Pastor, I Am Gay*. Palmer, AK: Palmer Pub. Co., 1995. (Compassionate plea by an American Baptist pastor that the church accept gays in and into the fold—with dignity, respect and love. One of the best pastoral, anecdotal sources).

Blumenfeld, Warren J. and Diane Raymond. *Looking at Gay Life*. Updated edition. Boston: Beacon, 1993. (Topics include gender roles, prejudice, sexuality and Western religion/culture).

Boyajian, Jane, Barbara Chester and Mary Pellauer. *Sexual Assault and Abuse: A Handbook for Clergy and Religious Professionals*. New York: Harper Collins, 1987. (Dated, but candid, specific and compassionate in approach).

Campolo, Tony. *20 Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch*. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1988. (Enlightened evangelical viewpoint).

Clausen, Jan. *Beyond Gay or Straight: Understanding Sexual Orientation*. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 1995. (Studies and examples of variations in sexual orientation).

Comstock, Gary David. *Gay Theology Without Apology*. Cleveland, Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 1993. (Paperback by ordained UCC chaplain at Wesleyan University. This personal apologia by a gay theologian takes seriously his own faith. By so doing, he may help some heterosexual Christians face any rigidity or resistance to gays).

Geis, Sally B. and Donald E. Messer, eds. *Caught in the Crossfire: Helping Christians Debate Homosexuality*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994. (Helpful pro and con approach from Methodist perspective).

Glaser, Chris. *Come Home! Reclaiming Spirituality and Community as Gay Men and Lesbians*. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1990. (Urges gays to affirm their Christian spirituality; hopeful and joyous).

- Hasbany, Richard. *Homosexuality and Religion*. Binghamton: Harrington Park/Haworth Press, 1989. (Good summary of issues; compassionate and comprehensive).
- Herman, Didi. *The Anti-Gay Agenda: Orthodox Vision and the Christian Right*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997. (Discusses the efforts by fundamentalists to demonize the gays in our midst).
- Jung, Patricia Beattie and Ralph F. Smith. *Heterosexism: An Ethical Challenge*. Albany: SUNY Press, 1993. (Groundbreaking work on prejudice by a Catholic laywoman and a Lutheran minister).
- Kelsey, Morton and Barbara. *Sacrament of Sexuality: The Spirituality and Psychology of Sex*. Warwick, NY: Amity House, 1986. (Affirms the sanctity of sex stating that it can be a sacramental act).
- Lokken, James A. *Now the Silence Breaks: Toward a Pastoral Understanding of Homosexuality*. Chicago: National Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1980. (Early study recognizing need for love and acceptance).
- Marcus, Eric. *Is It Choice?* San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1993. (Answers to most frequently asked questions regarding gays).
- McNeill, John J. *Freedom, Glorious Freedom: The Spiritual Journey to the Fullness of Life for Gays, Lesbians, and Everybody Else*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1995. (Examines the gay spiritual journey, coming out, spiritual maturity).
- Mollenkott, Virginia Ramey. *Sensuous Spirituality: Out from Fundamentalism*. New York: Crossroad Publishing, 1992. (An early and effective development of a non-fundamentalist interpretation of the key scriptural passages).
- Morrison, Melanie. *The Grace of Coming Home: Spirituality, Sexuality and the Struggle for Justice*. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1995. (Compelling reflections on coming out, power of rituals and symbols in the gay and Christian communities. Stories, truth telling, shame issues; compassionate to both the excluded and those attempting to come to grips with the issues of exclusion in the church).
- Nelson, James B. *Body Theology*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1992. (Distinguished theologian's important study).
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- Nichols, Jack. *The Gay Agenda: Talking Back to the Fundamentalists*. Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books,

1996. (Foreword by George Weinberg, M.D. A veteran gay journalist and activist exposes the sham of religious right propagandists).
- Oberholtzer, W. Dwight, ed. *Is Gay Good? Ethics, Theology and Homosexuality*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1971. (Articles pro and con by scholars from Norman Pittenger to Carl F. H. Henry).
- Ogletree, Thomas W. *Hospitality to Strangers*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984. (An early plea for church to accept homosexuals).
- Olyan, Saul M. and Martha C. Nussbaum, eds. *Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998. (Scholarly study of the issue from a general religious perspective).
- O'Neill, Craig and Kathleen Ritter. *Coming Out Within: Stages of Spiritual Awakening from Lesbians and Gay Men*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1992. (Insight into wrenching and delicate relationships gay men and women experience within the church and with their faith).
- Pharr, Suzanne. *Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism*. Inverness, CA: Chardon Press, 1988. (Early, but insightful study of connections of these two issues).
- Roberts, Howard W. *Approaching the Third Millennium: The Church's Ethical Challenge*. Macon: Smyth and Helwys, 1992. (Helpful discussion of ethical issues in the church, including homophobia).
- Rudy, Kathy. *Sex and the Church: Gender, Homosexuality and the Transformation of Christian Ethics*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1998. (Good summary of ethical issues in the church's treatment of gays/lesbians).
- Scanzoni, Letha and Virginia R. Mollenkott. *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?* New York: Harper, 1978. (Well researched by two women in evangelical wing of the church; opts for full acceptance of gays).
- Seow, Choon-Leong, ed. *Homosexuality and Christian Community*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996. (Distinguished Princeton theologians reflect on the place for homosexuals in the church).
- Smith, Christine M. *Preaching as Weeping, Confession, and Resistance: Radical Response to Radical Evil*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992. (A lyrical and moving treatment in Ch.4: "Grace Transforms Condemnation—Heterosexism," by this United Methodist theologian. A loving call to end abuse against gays in the church).
- Spong, John Shelby. *Living in Sin? A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality*. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1988. (Finds some biblical and historical sexual prohibitions too culturally conditioned to be binding on the church today).
- Stemmel, Michael L. and J. Michael Clark, eds. *Constructing Gay Theology*. Las Colinas: Monument Press, 1991. (Debate among theologians; response by John J. McNeil).

Stuart, Elizabeth. *Religion is a Queer Thing: A Guide to the Christian Faith for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People*. Washington: Cassell Academics, 1998. (Creative in approach; helpful discussion of the possibilities for GLBT persons in the church).

Uhrig, Larry J. *Sex Positive: A Gay Contribution to Sexual and Spiritual Union*. Boston: Alyson, 1986. (Suggests need for new sex ethic and a “sex positive” approach to life and religion).

Valverde, Mariana. *Sex, Power and Pleasure*. Philadelphia: New Society Publishers, 1987. (Argues for a redefinition of the relationship between ethics and pleasure; discusses pornography, power, eroticism and censorship).

Waun, Maurine C. *More Than Welcome: Learning to Embrace Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons in the Church*. Saint Louis: Chalice Press, 1999. (Methodist pastor shares her experiences with GLBT persons in the church and her commitment to their inclusion in its life and ministries).

Wagner, Bill. *Christian Answers to Questions on Homosexuality*. Falls Church: Telos Ministries, 2000. (Helpful brochure aimed particularly to Baptists; supportive to gays).

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Ziker, Jeffery. *Homosexuality in the Church*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990. (Presbyterian theologian presents well-written challenge to the church to be church in relation to the issue of homosexuals in their midst and in society).

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* D____, Marsha. “Beneath the Cross.” (Speaks of the unique spiritual journeys of gays and lesbians to the Cross. In the *Other Side* magazine’s “Dancing Toward the Light” which can be ordered by calling 1-800-700-9280).

Kelsey, David. “Homosexuality and the Church: Theological Issues.” *Reflection*. April 1983. (Positive and scholarly).

Marney, Carlyle. “The Christian Community and the Homosexual.” *Religion in Life*. Winter, 1966. (Early and important prophetic stand that the church should be accepting of homosexual persons).

Nelson, James B. “Homosexuality and the Church,” *Christianity & Crisis*, Apr. 4, 1977. (Classic article

which first proposed the 4 ways Christians have responded to homosexual persons: rejecting and punitive, rejecting but non-punitive, qualified or full acceptance).

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Wilson, D. Mark. "I Don't Mean to Offend, but I Won't Pretend." Chapter 7 in *Tending the Flock: Congregations and Family Ministry*, K. Brynolf Lyon and Archie Smith, Jr., eds. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press. (Describes the experience of African American gays in a fictitious Eastside Baptist Church on the West Coast. Especially helpful to understanding dynamics of African American churches in coming to grips with family ministry to gays in those congregations).

III. Personal Stories From and For Gay and Lesbians People

BOOKS

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Bass, Ellen and Kate Kaufman. *Free Your Mind: The Book for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth—and Their Allies*. New York: HarperPerennial, 1996. (Helpful, practical suggestions in areas of family, school, coming out, relationships).

Besner, H. F. and C.I. Spungin. *Gay and Lesbian Students: Understanding their Needs*. Washington: Taylor and Francis, 1995. (Focus on origins of homosexuality, homophobia, and the needs of gay teens).

Bouldrey, Brian, ed. *Wrestling with the Angel: Faith in the Lives of Gay Men*. New York: Riverhead Press, 1995. (Struggles of gay men to express and maintain their faith).

Boyd, Malcolm. *Gay Priest: An Inner Journey*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1987. (See annotation on the Boyd book listed next).

Boyd, Malcolm and Nancy L. Wilson. *Amazing Grace: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Faith*. Freedom, CA: Crossing Press, 1991. (Both of the Boyd books deal with stories of spiritual pilgrimages, childhood experiences, coming out, dealing with social justice and faith issues. Excellent and readable).

Comstock, Gary David. *Unrepentant, Self-Affirming, Practicing*. New York: Continuum Publishing Group, 1996. (Experiences of lesbians and gays particularly in UCC, Brethren/Mennonite congregations; stories of struggles and progress in the church).

- Curb, Rosemary and Nancy Manahan. *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence*. New York: Warner Books, 1985. (Groundbreaking narrative).
- Davis, Christopher. *Valley of the Shadow*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1988. (A Christian's experience well written).
- Due, Linnea. *Joining the Tribe: Growing Up Gay and Lesbian in the 90's*. New York: Anchor Books, 1995. (Success and struggles of young gays and the changes in society needed to benefit them).
- Feliz, Antonio A. *Out of the Bishop's Closet: A Gay Mormon High Priest*. San Francisco: Alamo Square Press, 1992. (Important sharing of the experience of a gay official in a very conservative denomination).
- Fortunato, John E. *Embracing the Exile: Healing Journeys Of Gay Christians*. New York: Harper and Row, 1984. (One of the best sources for experiences of gays struggling with and expressing their faith).
- Fricke, Aaron. *Reflections of a Rock Lobster: A Story of Growing Up Gay*. Boston: Alyson Publications, 1981. (Classic story which is well written and still relevant; a new printing occurred in 1995).
- Fricke, Aaron. *Sudden Strangers: the Story of a Gay Son and his Father/Aaron and Walter Fricke*. NY: St. Martin's Press, 1991. (Helpful narrative relating to the relationship of gay sons to their fathers).
- Glaser, Chris. *Coming Out as a Sacrament*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1998. (Well written apologia as a gay Presbyterian minister).
- Glaser, Chris. *Coming Out to God: Prayers for Lesbians and Gay Men and Our Families, Friends and Advocates*. Louisville: Westminster Press, 1991. (Beautiful, apt and touching prayers useful for worship and study).
- Glaser, Chris. *Uncommon Calling: A Gay Man's Struggle to Serve the Church*. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1988. (Presbyterian gay cleric recounts his efforts to serve honestly and faithfully).
- Graham, Larry Kent. *Discovering Images of God: Narratives of Care among Lesbians and Gays*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997. (Stories of community support and grace among gays and lesbians of faith).
- Gramick, Jeannine ed. *Homosexuality in the Priesthood and the Religious Life*. New York: Crossroad, 1989. (Includes entries by John Boswell, Rosemary Ruether, Daniel Maguire, and others. Urges the church to listen to and learn from gays and to take them seriously).
- Harvey, Andrew. *Son of Man: the Mystical Path to Christ*. New York: Tarcher Press, 1998. (A gay Christian's spiritual journey).
- Herd, Gilbert, ed. *Gay and Lesbian Youth*. Binghamton: Harrington Park Press, 1989. (Experiences of gay teens in various cultures and societies; helpful insights and perspectives).

- Heron, Ann, ed. *One Teenager in Ten: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth*. Boston: Alyson Publications, 1983. (An early, but valuable collection of touching personal stories).
- Heyward, Carter. *Speaking of Christ: A Lesbian Feminist Voice*. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1989. (See annotation below).
- Heyward, Carter. *Touching Our Strength: The Erotic as Power and the Love of God*. San Francisco: Harper, 1989. (Lesbian Episcopal minister develops a positive and sound theology of sexualities).
- Johnston, Maury. *Gays Under Grace: A Gay Christian's Response to Homosexuality*. Revised ed. Nashville: Winston-Derek, 1991. (Loving and helpful personal narrative of gay Christian experience).
- Kreider, Roberta Showalter. *From Wounded Hearts: Faith Stories of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered People and Those Who Love Them*. Gaithersburg, MD: Chi Rho Press, 1998. (Moving faith stories of Mennonites and Brethren who are LGBT; excellent for church discussions).
- Lennon, Tom. *When Love Comes to Town*. Dublin, Ireland: The O'Brien Press, 1993. (A moving, honest, humorous novel about a young Catholic Christian's experience in coming out to himself and to his family).
- McEwen, Christian and Sue O'Sullivan, eds. *Out the Other Side: Contemporary Lesbian Writing*. Freedom, CA: Crossing Press, 1989. (Details not coming out stories, but how lesbians learn to live with their choices and how they deal with other justice issues).
- McNaught, Brian. *A Disturbed Peace: Selected Writings of an Irish Catholic Homosexual*. Washington: Dignity, 1981. (Highly acclaimed Catholic sex educator who is gay shares his experiences).
- McNaught, Brian. *On Being Gay: Thoughts on Family, Faith and Love*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1988. (Readable and touching narratives by the author of *A Disturbed Peace*).
- McNeill, John J. *Both Feet Firmly Planted in Midair: My Spiritual Journey*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1998. (Psychotherapist and former Catholic priest is outspoken in support of gays, lesbians and bisexual persons and affirms a vital connection between spirituality and sexuality).
- Perry, Troy. *Don't Be Afraid Anymore: The Story of Rev. Troy D. Perry and The Metropolitan Community Church*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1990. (The founder of the MCC writes about his life and spiritual issues for gays and lesbians).
- Perry, Troy and Thomas L. P. Swicegood. *Profiles in Gay and Lesbian Courage*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1991. (Gays' struggles and joys as Christians).
- Piazza, Michael S. *Holy Homosexuals*. Revised ed. Dallas: Sources of Hope, 1997. (Asserts that gays can and should be happy and holy—as God created them).
- Shallenberger, David. *Reclaiming the Spirit: Gay Men and Lesbians Come to Terms with Religion*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1998. (Up to date narratives and helpful discussions).

- Singer, Bennett L., ed. *Growing Up Gay: A Literary Anthology*. New York: New Press, 1993. (Touching stories of teens and others growing up gay or lesbian; includes Paul Monette, Audre Lorde, and others).
- Stanley, Julia Penelope and Susan J. Wolff, eds. *The Original Coming Out Stories*. Expanded Edition. Watertown, MA: Persephone Press, 1989. (50 lesbian stories; helpful narratives).
- Tigert, Leanne McCall. *Coming Out Through Fire: Surviving the Trauma of Homophobia*. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1998. (Excellent analysis and narratives related to effects of institutional—including church—homophobia/abuse).
- Tigert, Leanne McCall. *Coming Out While Staying In: Struggles and Celebrations of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals in the Church*. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996. (Earlier narratives by author above).
- Umans, Meg, ed. *Like Coming Home: Coming-Out Letters*. Austin: Banned Books, 1988. (Touching letters home from gays and lesbians, a rediscovery of sexuality and coming out).
- White, Mel. *Stranger at the Gate: to Be Gay and Christian in America*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1994. (Prominent evangelical recounts his life before and after coming to accept his homosexuality joyfully as God's gift).

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- * Amideo, Ann M. "The Odd Christian Out." *The Other Side*, Sept.-Oct., 1999, pp. 16-19. (Moving, faith-filled testimony of a lesbian's journey as a Christian toward self-acceptance and peace).
- * Cornett, Jeff. "What I Would Say to the Georgia Baptist Convention." A letter sent on May 5, 1999, to Oakhurst Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA. (A moving statement of growing up gay and as a Christian; written in response to the convention's concern over Oakhurst's welcoming policy toward homosexuals).
- * Ellis, Larry E. "The End and the Beginning." One of a number of stories written by gay and lesbian people, family members, and friends who went to Lynchburg, Virginia as part of a Soulforce journey to dialogue with Rev. Jerry Falwell and members of his church. Many of the stories can be found at the Soulforce web page, www.soulforce.org. (Story of a Christian family man who struggled with his homosexuality for thirty-five years before finally accepting it).
- * Hughes, Douglas S. "Holy Spirit Moments." One of a number of stories written by gay and lesbian people, family members, and friends who went to Lynchburg, Virginia as part of a Soulforce journey to dialogue with Rev. Jerry Falwell and members of his church. Many of the stories can be found at the Soulforce web page, www.soulforce.org. (Dramatic story of gay Christian man's journey to self-acceptance).
- Rossiter, Rich. "Coming Out Growing: When Denomination and Choosing Life Don't Mix." *Presence: the Journal of Spiritual Directors International*, Vol. III, January 1997, pp.55-61. (Sensitively presented from professional spiritual director's perspective).

* Van Dyke, Pam. "Bruised but not Broken." (Moving personal story written for this resource. Tells of a faithful lesbian woman's long and eventually successful struggle to reconcile her faith with her sexual orientation).

IV. Stories and More for and from Families of Lesbian and Gay People

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Bozett, F. W., ed. *Homosexuality and the Family*. (Discussion of family issues and structures in homosexual culture—both families of origin and families of choice).

Bozett, F. W. and M. B. Sussman, eds. *Homosexuality and Family Relations*. (Study of family dynamics and effects of homosexuality on children, parents and the dynamics in gay and lesbian relationships as well).

Buxton, Amity Pierce. *The Other Side of the Closet: the Coming Out Crisis for Straight Spouses*. Santa Monica: IBS Press, 1991. (The author is a PFLAG circuit speaker; helpful, compassionate advice).

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Cohen, Susan and Daniel. *When Someone You Know Is Gay*. New York: M. Evans, 1989. (Compassionate and practical guides for gay teens and their families).

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- * Dwyer, Eddie L. "The Bible and Homosexuality: Life Beyond Tradition." (Previously unpublished monograph by retired religion professor at Baylor University. Biblical justification for rethinking the church's rejection of homosexuals and a personal story of his growing to understand and accept his gay son. Copies available from Seeds of Hope Publishers, 602 James St., Waco, TX 76706. An excerpt is included in this resource).
- * Egertson, Bishop Paul Wennes. "One Family's Story." In *Homosexuality and Christian Faith: Questions of Conscience for the Churches*. Walter Wink, ed., pp. 23-30. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1999. (Tells the story of a family's journey to acceptance of their gay son; this is a chapter from the Wink book listed in Sec. II).
- * Wallner, Mary Lou. "A Mother's Questions." One of a number of stories written by gay and lesbian people, family members, and friends who went to Lynchburg, Virginia as part of a Soulforce journey to dialogue with Rev. Jerry Falwell and members of his church. Many of the stories can be found at the Soulforce web page, www.soulforce.org. (A mother agonizes over the role her rejection played in her lesbian daughter's suicide).

V. Congregational Stories

Broadway Baptist Church — Kansas City, Missouri. *A Primer on Homosexuality and the Church: a Collection of Materials Examining Traditional and Non-Traditional Biblical Interpretations*. Written/compiled by Paul Smith. (An excellent example of an individual congregation's study of the issues. Copies may be ordered from Broadway Baptist Church, 3031 Washington St., Kansas City MO 64111, 816-561-3274).

Hartman, Keith. *Congregations in Conflict: The Battle over Homosexuality*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1996. (Views experiences of nine congregations of different denominations in North Carolina).

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church — Raleigh, North Carolina. *Celebration of Same-Gender Covenants*. Edited by Patricia E. Levi. (Report on the Task Force on Same Gender Covenants. Discusses the church's process and includes theological, Biblical, and other reflections. Can be ordered from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh NC 27605 919-828-0897).

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church — Raleigh, North Carolina. *Enlarging the Circle: Pullen's Holy Union Process*. Written by Patricia V. Long. (Moving and important narrative of the process of discussions in the church under the leadership of Dr. Mahan Siler, pastor (now retired). Without question one of the best sources for church discussion on homosexuality. Can be ordered from Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh NC 27605 919-828-0897).

Process Reports:

- * Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- * Dolores Street Baptist Church, San Francisco, California
- * First Baptist Church, Granville, Ohio
- * Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Maine
- * Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, California
- * Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
- * Pullen Memorial Baptist, Raleigh, North Carolina
- * Virginia-Highland Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- * University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
- * University Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- * Wake Forest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

VI. Scientific, Medical and Psychological Studies

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Allport, Gordon. *The Nature of Prejudice*. Reading: Addison-Wesley, 1954. (Classic and still relevant study).

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heterosexism and thorough coverage of the folly of the so-called “ex-gay” groups).

Blumenfeld, Warren J., ed. *Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1992. (Overview of the meaning and manifestations of homophobia in individual lives and in society).

Greenberg, David F. *The Construction of Homosexuality*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1988. (Asserts that homosexuality is only “deviant” because society has constructed it as such; superior review of history; scholarly, but readable).

Heyward, Carter. *Our Passion for Justice: Images of Power, Sexuality and Liberation*. New York: Pilgrim, 1984. (Links homophobia, cultural imperialism, anti-Semitism, male gender superiority; describes her own coming out).

Hilton, Bruce. *Can Homophobia Be Cured? Wrestling with Questions that Challenge the Church*. New York: Abingdon, 1992. (Methodist pastor suggests that the real sin is homophobia and that homophobia needs to be cured; a pastoral approach to the church’s challenge).

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Katz, Jonathan. *The Invention of Heterosexuality*. Foreword by Gore Vidal. New York: Dutton/Penguin, 1995. (Asserts that heterosexuality also has a history; it is not a historic given; advances debate about what is normal sexuality).

Marmour, Judd, ed. *Homosexual Behavior: A Modern Reappraisal*. New York: Basic Books, 1980. (Scientific and objective studies of the origins and extent of homosexual orientation).

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* Myers, David G. “Sexual Orientation and Science.” In *Exploring Psychology*, Fourth Edition. New York: Worth Publishers, 1999.

Money, John. “Sin, Sickness or Status? Homosexual Gender Identity and Psychoneuroendocrinology.” *American Psychologist*, Vol.42, #4, 1987, pp. 384-399. (Influence of hormones on gender identity).

* Scanzoni, Letha Dawson. “Can Homosexuals Change?” (Refutation of the notion that homosexuals choose their orientation. In *The Other Side* magazine’s “Dancing Toward the Light” which can be

ordered by calling 1-800-700-9280).

*Thompson, Cooper and Barbara Zoloth. "Homophobia." (A pamphlet by Campaign to End Homophobia, P.O. Box. 819, Cambridge, MA 02139).

VII. Reports of Groups and Larger Church Bodies

Alban Institute. *Congregations Talking About Homosexuality: Dialogue on a Difficult Issue*. Edited by Rev. Beth Ann Gaede. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, 1998. (Case studies of discussions in congregations of various denominations. A practical how-to-talk-about-it book in a context of concern, love, and justice).

Alliance of Baptists and Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. *Pursuing Justice: A Social Justice Curriculum for Churches*. Written by Cathy Tamsberg. Washington: Alliance of Baptists, 1999. (Has an excellent unit on homosexuals and the church. Available from the Alliance (202-745-7609) or the BPFNA (704-521-6051)).

Alliance of Baptists. "The Alliance and Homosexuality: a Personal Perspective Detailed." Written by Stan Hastey, Executive Director. In *Baptists Today*, October 13, 1994. (About the process the Alliance used in developing a statement on the issue of homosexuality and the church; a succinct and moving call to be "Baptist," and address real issues).

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. *Human Sexuality and the Christian Faith*. (Available from ELCA Distribution Services, 426 South Fifth St., Minneapolis MN 55440).

Open Hands: Resources for Ministries Affirming the Diversity of Human Sexuality. (Quarterly ecumenical magazine published by seven denominational welcoming movement programs. Available for \$20 subscription payable to Reconciling Congregations Program, Open Hands, 3801 North Keeler Ave., Chicago IL 60641, 773-736-5526).

The Other Side. "Christians and Homosexuality: Dancing Toward the Light, a life-affirming exploration of personal, Biblical, and ethical issues." Special Issue, 1994. (We strongly recommend this special issue from which five pieces within this resource are reprinted. It can be ordered by calling 1-800-700-9280).

Presbyterian Church USA. *Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Fear: Homophobia Education*. (A study guide for congregations with bibliography. May be purchased from Presbyterian Church USA, 475 Riverside Dr., New York NY 10015).

Presbyterian Church USA. *Presbyterians and Human Sexuality, 1991*. (Includes a minority report. May be ordered from DMS, 100 Witherspoon, Louisville KY 40202-1396).

Reconciling Congregations of the United Methodist Church. *And God Loved Each One: A Resource for Dialogue about the Church and Homosexuality*. Written by Ann Thompson Cook. (May be ordered from Reconciling Congregations Program, Open Hands, 3801 North Keeler Ave., Chicago IL 60641, 773-736-5526).

Roman Catholic Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Issues. *Homosexuality and Social Justice*. (From the Consultation on Homosexuality, Social Justice, and Roman Catholic Theology held in San Francisco in 1986).

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United Methodist Church. "The Committee to Study Homosexuality Offers the Church its Report, its Conclusions, its Recommendations!" Special Issue of *Circuit Rider*: December 1991/January 1992.

United Presbyterian Church USA. "The Church and Homosexuality." (Background paper of the 1978 Task Force to Study Homosexuality. Includes that homosexuals should not be treated in any way different).

World Council of Churches. *Facing our Differences: the Churches and Their Gay and Lesbian Members*. Written by Alan A. Brash. New York: World Council of Churches, 1995. (Views the position, theology, and Biblical interpretations of world church bodies in relation to gay/lesbian issues).

VIII. Official Statements by Church Bodies and Organizations

*Alliance of Baptists. *A Clear Voice: A Document for Dialogue and Study*. Report of the Task Force on Human Sexuality (Received "with profound gratitude" by the Alliance board, Sept.24, 1994, and accepted unanimously by the national Convocation of the Alliance in Vienna, VA on March 4, 1995. Excellent, positive, accepting and thoughtful source for congregational discussions).

*American Baptist Churches in the USA. Resolutions from 1976, Oct.1992, and June 1993.

* American Baptists Concerned for Sexual Minorities. (An independent organization of gays and non-gays working for justice for persons regardless of their sexual orientation; Founded 1972; 872 Erie St., Oakland, CA 94610).

* Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists. (Founded 1992 for Baptist churches willing to "go on record" as welcoming and affirming of all persons and to advocate for the inclusion of lesbians, gays and bisexuals within American Baptist churches. P.O. Box 2596, Attleboro Falls, MA 02763. Rev. Brenda Moulton, Coordinator).

* Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec (Resolution of opposition to proposed Canadian civil rights legislation.)

* Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America: *Statement on Justice and Orientation*. (Approved by board of directors May, 1995, superceding an earlier statement entitled *Statement on Gay and Lesbian Justice* which had been approved on February, 1995).

* Honesty. (An association of local groups—currently in KY, TX and VA—that provide support, educa-

tion and advocacy for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Baptists).

- * Southern Baptist Convention. (Statements adopted in 1976 and 1992 condemning homosexuality).
- * United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces. (Discussion of opposition to proposed Canadian civil rights legislation.)

IX. Sermons, Meditations, and More

- * Collins, Chuck. "Separated from Love." *The Living Church*, Feb. 20, 1994, p.2. (Collins is Rector of St. Mark's on the Mesa Episcopal Church, Albuquerque, NM).
- Creech, Jimmy. "Response to the Judicial Charge." Jan. 26, 1998 (Statement by former Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE. who was censured for performing a commitment ceremony for two women).
- * Findley, Kathy Manis. "So What If We Perish?" (Sermon preached September 25, 1994, at the Providence Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR).
- Foster, Steven. "Jay the Baptist." *Outsmart*, Nov.15, 1995, pp.41, 43-44. (An article in a gay publication in Houston about Covenant Baptist Church and its pastor, Jay Leach; Leaving the SBC and Covenant's welcoming policy were the focus).
- Griswold, Frank. "Defining a Lifegiving Sexuality Outside the Norms." *Anglican Advance*, July/August, 1993, p.3. (A moving statement of grace and acceptance by a Protestant Episcopal bishop).
- * Havens, Helen. "God's Plumb Line." (Sermon preached on July 14, 1991 by the Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX ; A moving message delivered on the church's inconsistent views on homosexuality, delivered just after a sensational "gay bashing" murder in the neighborhood of her parish).
- Hunt, Mary E. "Sexual Integrity." *Waterwheel, a Quarterly Newsletter of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual*, Vol.7, No.3, Fall,1994, pp.1-2. (A plea for consideration that integrity, not orientation should be the major concern regarding sexual behavior).
- Jordan, Mary. "A Chaplain Comes Out Swinging: At Harvard, an Act of Hate Provokes an Act of Conscience." *The Washington Post*, April 15, 1992, Style sec. p.1 & F10. (News report on the day when Peter Gomes, Chaplain to Harvard, stated "I am a Christian who happens to be gay." Gomes, an African-American Baptist minister, also wrote *The Good Book*).
- * Lance, H. Darrell. "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear." (Sermon delivered Feb. 6, 1992 at Colgate Chapel at Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, Rochester, NY).
- Lance, H. Darrell. "When Jesus Changed His Mind." (Sermon delivered on March 29, 1992 at First Baptist Church, Ithaca, NY).

- * Rensberger, David. "Sinning and Seeing." (Sermon delivered on March 14, 1999 at Oakhurst Baptist in Decatur, Georgia).
- * Sehested, Ken. "St. Peter and the Jerusalem Protocol: Commentary on Biblical Fidelity and Sexual Orientation: Why the First Matters, Why the Second Doesn't and Why Baptist Peace Fellowship Members Should Care." In Summer 1995 issue of *Baptist Peacemaker*. (Argues persuasively and compassionately that "the only thing that counts is faith working through love," and that "clear evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit overrules any particular regulation").
- Siler, Mahan. "A Christian's Understanding of Homosexuality." (Sermon delivered June 28, 1987 at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC).
- * Siler, Mahan. "Embodiment of Grace." (Sermon delivered on June 26, 1988, at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC).
- Walton, Jon M. "Delicate Matters: Homosexuality." (Sermon preached July 31, 1988 at Westminster Church in Wilmington, DE; readable and ringing support for acceptance of gays in the church).

X. Audio and Visual Resources

- "Early Frost." (NBC TV production by Ron Cowen and Daniel Lupman. Wolfe Video, P.O. Box 64, New Almaden, CA 95042).
- "All God's Children." Women's Vision, Phone: 800.343.5540. (A 30 minute film on understanding gay and lesbian issues in the African-American communities. Interviews with Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. James Forbes and Senator Carol Mosley-Braun).
- "Beautiful Thing." (Channel 4 Films production by Jonathan Harvey. SONY Classics, 10202 W. Washington Bv., Culver City, CA 90232).
- "Body of Dissent: Lesbian and Gay Mennonites and Brethren Continue the Journey." Toronto: Bridge Video Productions, 1994 for the Brethren/Mennonite Council for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. (38 minutes, stories of attempts to live out the Anabaptist values of peacemaking, accountability and community as lesbians and gays).
- "Can We Talk About This?" by J. Bessler. (An audio tape and study guide for Christians preparing to discuss homosexuality. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1989. Very helpful discussion guide; cost:\$5 from ELCA Distribution Services, 426 So. 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55440).
- "Threads." (Mainstream film available from rental stores. Stories behind several panels of the "Names Project Memorial Quilt").
- "Growing Up Gay and Lesbian." With Brian McNaught. (Motivational Media, 8430 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069).

“Longtime Companion.” Vidmark Entertainment, Samuel Goldwyn. (An American Playhouse Theatrical Film. Fictional account of gay relationships and experiences. Mainstream film available for rental).

“One Nation Under God.” (Documentary directed by T. Maniachi and F. Rzeznik on “treatments” to “cure” homosexuality. Interviews with cofounders of Exodus International. Available from Public TV stations).

“Silent Pioneers: Gay and Lesbian Elders.” (A 42 min. film made in 1985. Interviews with 8 homosexuals from varied backgrounds who lived in an era when homosexuality was not tolerated at all. Challenges preconceived notions about elderly homosexuals).

“Why Am I Gay? Stories of Coming Out in America.” Ambrose Video Publishing, 1994. Phone: 212-265-7272. (A 60 minute film which attempts to provide the general public with a better understanding of their lesbian and gay neighbors).

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