

# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex & 2-Spirit

## Religion and Spirituality Resources

for the East Bay (Contra Costa & Alameda Counties) and the San Francisco Bay Area.

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### • LOCAL CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, AND CONGREGATIONS

#### Walnut Creek

Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church  
55 Eckley Lane  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
925/934-3135  
Email: [info@mduuc.org](mailto:info@mduuc.org)  
Website: <http://www.mduuc.org/>  
Co-Ministers: Rev's Leslie & David Takahashi Morris.

The Walnut Creek United Methodist Church  
1543 Sunnyvale Ave  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597  
925/934-4208  
Website: [www.walnutcreekumc.org/](http://www.walnutcreekumc.org/)  
Pastor: Rev. Eileen Lindsay

#### Pleasant Hill

St Mark's Lutheran Church  
3051 Putnam Blvd  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
925/934-6114  
Email: [pastorkerstin@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkerstin@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.sm-lc.net/>

#### Kensington

First Unitarian Church of Berkeley  
1 Lawson Rd  
Kensington, CA 94707  
510/525-0302  
Website: [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)  
Ministers: Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway & Rev. Bill Hamilton-Holway

#### Berkeley

MCC--Berkeley:  
New Spirit Community Church  
2401 Le Conte Ave., Suite #3  
Berkeley, CA 94709  
510-849-8150  
Email: [admin@newspiritchurch.org](mailto:admin@newspiritchurch.org)  
Website: [www.newspiritchurch.org](http://www.newspiritchurch.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Jim Mitulski  
Meeting Location: Pacific School of Religion Chapel at 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley  
Worship time: Sundays 11am, Wednesdays 7:30pm  
415.863.4434;

First Congregational Church of Berkeley  
2425 Channing Way  
Berkeley, CA  
510/846-3696

Berkeley Friends Meeting  
2151 Vine St.  
Berkeley, CA  
510/843-9725  
Email: [office@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:office@berkeleyfriendschurch.org)  
Website: [www.berkeleyfriendschurch.org](http://www.berkeleyfriendschurch.org)

Pastor: Brian Young

Strawberry Creek Friends meeting  
2701 Martine Luther King Jr Way.  
Berkeley, CA  
510/524-9186  
Website: [www.strawberrycreek.quaker.org](http://www.strawberrycreek.quaker.org)

Congregation Netivot Shalom  
1316 University Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94702-1711  
510/549-9447  
Website: <http://www.netivotshalom.org/>  
Rabbi Menachem Creditor

### Oakland

First Unitarian Church of Oakland  
3685-14th St  
Oakland, CA 94612  
510/893-6129  
Email: [office@uuoakland.org](mailto:office@uuoakland.org)  
Website: <http://www.uuoakland.org/>  
Pastor Kerstin

East Bay Church of Religious Science  
4130 Telegraph Ave  
Oakland, CA 94609-1003  
510/420-1003  
Email: [info@ebcrs.org](mailto:info@ebcrs.org)  
Website: <http://ebcrs.org/dev/>  
Ministers: Rev. Elouise D. Oliver, Rev. Andriette Earl & Rev. Robert Collins

### Piedmont

Kehilla Community Synagogue  
1300 Grand Ave  
Piedmont, CA 94610  
510/547-2424  
Email: [info@KehillaSynagogue.org](mailto:info@KehillaSynagogue.org)  
Website: [www.kehillasynagogue.org/](http://www.kehillasynagogue.org/)  
Rabbi Burt Jacobson & David Jonathon Cooper

### Livermore

United Christian Church of Livermore  
1886 College Ave  
Livermore, CA 94550  
925/449-6820  
Email: [admin@newspiritchurch.org](mailto:admin@newspiritchurch.org) or [marty@uccliv.org](mailto:marty@uccliv.org)  
Rev. Martha Williams

### Vallejo

First Christian Church of Vallejo  
1035 Indiana St  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
707/643-7973  
Email: [jjones@vallejochristian.com](mailto:jjones@vallejochristian.com)  
Website: [www.vallejochristian.com](http://www.vallejochristian.com)  
Rev. Judith Jones

### Benecia

Community Congregational Church of Benecia  
1305 W. Second St. POB 187  
Benecia, CA 94510  
707/745-0674  
Email: [revrenie@cccucc.org](mailto:revrenie@cccucc.org)  
Website: [www.cccucc.org](http://www.cccucc.org)  
Rev. Renie Stamm-Kirk

### Napa

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay  
11515 Pueblo Ave (POB 4051)  
Napa, CA 94558  
707/226-9220  
Email: [minister@uunorthbay.org](mailto:minister@uunorthbay.org)  
Website: [www.uunorthbay.org/](http://www.uunorthbay.org/)  
Rev. Bonnie Diott

### Vacaville

Unity Church Of The Valley  
350 N. Orchard Ave  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
707/447-0521  
Email: [revmurdock@pacbell.net](mailto:revmurdock@pacbell.net)  
Website: [www.unityvacaville.net/](http://www.unityvacaville.net/)  
Rev. Ken Micah Murdock

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[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW MORE LOCAL CHURCHES, SYNGOGUES AND CONGREGATIONS THAT DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS OPEN & AFFIRMING AND/OR RECONCILING: WWW.GLBTNEARME.ORG.](#)

### DENOMINATIONAL RESOURCES

- **Baptist**  
Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists  
<http://www.wabaptists.org/>  
Welcomes and affirms all persons without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity, and who have joined together to advocate for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons within Baptist communities of faith.
- **Brethren/Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Interests**  
[www.bmclgbt.org](http://www.bmclgbt.org)  
The mission of BMC is to cultivate an inclusive church and society and to care for the Mennonite and Brethren lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community.
- **Buddhist**  
Gay Buddhist Fellowship  
<http://www.gaybuddhist.org/>  
Supports Buddhist practices in the gay community and brings together the diverse Buddhist traditions to address the spiritual concerns of gay men.
- **Catholic**
  - **DignityUSA**  
<http://www.dignityusa.org/>  
Works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy and support.
  - **Fortunate Families**  
Catholic Families with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Daughters and Sons  
[www.fortunatefamilies.org](http://www.fortunatefamilies.org)
  - **Catholic Association for Lesbian and Gay Ministry**  
[www.nacdlgm.org](http://www.nacdlgm.org)
- **Course of Miracles**  
Community Miracles Center  
[www.miracles-course.org](http://www.miracles-course.org)
- **Disciples of Christ**  
Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples Alliance  
The Gay, Lesbian, and Affirming Disciples Alliance is an organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and affirming members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).  
[www.gladalliance.org](http://www.gladalliance.org)
- **Episcopal**
  - **Integrity**  
<http://www.integrityusa.org/>  
Fostering the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the Episcopal Church, using integrity as the leading grass roots voice.
  - **Oasis/California Episcopal Diocese of California**  
The GLBT Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of California  
[www.oasiscalifornia.org](http://www.oasiscalifornia.org)
- **Evangelical**  
Evangelicals Concerned  
[www.ecwr.org](http://www.ecwr.org) (Western Division)  
[www.ecinc.org](http://www.ecinc.org)  
[www.evangelicalsconcerned.org](http://www.evangelicalsconcerned.org)

Encourage and affirms lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered Christians in their faith.

- **Buddhism.**

**Hartford Street Zen Center**  
[www.hartfordstreetzen.com](http://www.hartfordstreetzen.com)

- **Heartstrong**  
[www.heartstrong.org](http://www.heartstrong.org)

- **Hindu (Vaishnavas)**  
[www.galva108.org](http://www.galva108.org)

The Gay and Lesbian Vaishnava Association educates Vaishnavas, Hindus and the public in general about the "third sex" as described in Vedic literatures.

- **Jewish**

**World Congress of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Jews: Keshet Ga'avah**  
[www.glbtjews.org](http://www.glbtjews.org)

The worldwide voice of LGBT Jews seeking to support, inspire, and strengthen local groups; foster a sense of community among diverse individuals and organizations; and achieve equality and security for LGBT Jews worldwide.

- **Lutheran**

Lutherans Concerned  
[www.lcna.org](http://www.lcna.org)

Lutherans Concerned embody, inspire, and support the acceptance and full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, their families, friends and allies, within the Lutheran communion and its ecumenical and global partners.

- **Metropolitan Community Church**

[www.mcccchurch.org](http://www.mcccchurch.org)

Founded in and reaching beyond the gay and lesbian communities and seeking the integration of spirituality and sexuality. A beloved community joining together from diverse spiritual backgrounds. A ministry of peace and social justice in our congregation and our community. A house of prayer for all people and a home for queer spirituality.

- **Mormon**

[www.affirmation.org](http://www.affirmation.org)

Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons serves the needs of gay Mormon women and men, as well as bisexual and transgender LDS and their supportive family and friends, through social and educational activities.

- **Muslim**

- **Al-Fatiha Foundation**

[www.al-fatiha.org](http://www.al-fatiha.org)

Dedicated to Muslims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, questioning, those exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity, and their allies, families and friends. Al-Fatiha promotes the progressive Islamic notions of peace, equality and justice.

- **Gay and Lesbian Arab Society**

[www.glas.org/ahbab](http://www.glas.org/ahbab)

- **Presbyterian**

**More Light Presbyterians**

[www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org)

Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

- **Quaker**

- **Religious Society of Friends**

[www.flgbtqc.quaker.org](http://www.flgbtqc.quaker.org)

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns.

A North American Quaker faith community that affirms God in all people; learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life.

- **Quaker Fellowship**

For LGBT Quakers,

contact email: [jeffbikedog@gmail.com](mailto:jeffbikedog@gmail.com) [www.sfquakers.org](http://www.sfquakers.org)

- **Wican**

**Reclaiming--Wican.**

Check website for location of events.

[www.reclaiming.org](http://www.reclaiming.org)

- **Seventh-day Adventist**

[www.sdakinship.org](http://www.sdakinship.org)

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship

Devoted to the spiritual, emotional, social and physical well-being of current and former Seventh-day Adventists who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered.

- **Soulforce**

[www.soulforce.org](http://www.soulforce.org)

"The purpose of Soulforce is freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance."

- **Unitarian**

[www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

Unitarian Universalism—Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns

Office of the Unitarian Universalist Association dedicated to fighting oppression against bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people.

- **United Church of Christ**

- **The UCC Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns**  
[www.uccoalition.org](http://www.uccoalition.org)  
 Provides support and sanctuary to all our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender sisters and brothers, their families and friends; advocates for their full inclusion in church and society; and brings Christ's affirming message of love and justice for all people.
- **Cathedral of Hope: A Congregation of the United Church of Christ**  
[www.cathedralofhope.com](http://www.cathedralofhope.com)
- **San Francisco Gay Shamans**  
[www.gayshamans-sf.org](http://www.gayshamans-sf.org)
- **United Methodist**  
[www.umaffirm.org](http://www.umaffirm.org)  
 Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Concerns  
 Pursues full inclusion in the Church through respect, love, justice and mercy for all.

#### FAITH BASED HIV/AIDS RESOURCES

These resources are essential partners in this fight to end HIV/AIDS! Resources just as these aid in the reduction of the stigma placed on this disease by those who see HIV/AIDS as a moral issue and not a health issue. Here are just a few websites, days of interest and services provided by the Faith Community.

- **The Balm In Gilead, Inc**  
 701 East Franklin Street, Suite 1000  
 Richmond, VA 23219  
 804-644-2256 (BALM)  
 804-644-2257 fax  
 888/225-6243 (toll free)  
[www.balmingilead.org](http://www.balmingilead.org)
- **National Catholic AIDS Network**  
 1400 W. Devon Ave #502  
 Chicago, Il 60660  
 773 508-7080 (office)  
 773 508-7083 (fax)  
[Info@ncan.org](mailto:Info@ncan.org)  
[www.ncan.org](http://www.ncan.org)
- **National Episcopal AIDS Coalition**  
 520 Clinton Avenue  
 Brooklyn, NY 11238  
 718 857-9445  
 800 588-6628  
[neac@neac.org](mailto:neac@neac.org)

*Contra Costa County Mental Health -- A Reducing Health Disparities Project*

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