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Challenging homophobia  
Championing freedom, faith & sex-based rights



**A NEW NETWORK FOR  
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual  
Christians & our friends**

# Who Are We?

## **We are LGB Christians, a new network of lesbian, gay and bisexual Christians and our friends.**

We will defend the rights of same-sex attracted people in the face of increasing backlash and confusion caused by ideas which replace the biological reality of the two sexes with self defined, gender identities.

### **We will campaign to end:**

- The ban on gay marriage where still enforced.
- Exclusion from church membership or leadership roles.
- Bullying and harassment for being same-sex attracted.
- Conversion Therapy: 'Praying away the gay'.
- Discriminatory legal exemptions provided to faith groups in Equal Opportunities, Marriage, and Employment Legislation.

### **Plus new threats:**

- Replacing 'Pray away the gay' by modern conversion therapy - the attempt to become straight by 'changing sex'.
- Adopting gender identity concepts such as the

use of pronouns by churches and religious groups without proper discussion or consent.

- Safeguarding concerns around the transitioning of young people (many of whom will be gay or lesbian) and their exposure to gender identity beliefs in schools and churches.
- The erosion of single sex spaces, in wider society, but also in church and religious contexts such as at retreats and conferences.

**We believe we can make a positive difference by organising around our faith and sexual orientation, distinguishing ourselves from identity based groupings (the TQI+ of LGBTQI+) whose needs and interests are frequently different, unclear and conflicting.**



**"Gender ideology can be a form of conversion therapy."**

Julie

**"I have been appalled by the mainstream churches' embrace of the transcult. They seem excited to have found a cure for homosexuality. It's a relief to see some Christians prepared to defend homosexuals."**

Joe Bryce

# What our Founding Supporters say



“As those who would claim to represent religion seek to wreak havoc in the lives and freedom of lesbians and gays in many countries abroad, the voices of all those who are generous in their faith are ever important.”

**Simon Fanshawe**

Writer



“The fact that the Anglican leadership now falls over itself to embrace gender ideology, while clinging to formal homophobia, merely adds to the offence and reinforces the need for a strong LGBT Christian network.”

**Simon Edge**

Writer



“At a time when debate over sexual identity has grown increasingly divisive and opponents of 'gender ideology' face threats to their livelihoods and even their lives, LGBT Christians can be relied upon to offer a 'still, small voice of calm'.”

**Michael Arditti**

Author & Critic



“This initiative is needed in the face of right wing and left wing ideologies that want to harm us. We can cherish our same-sex attraction and grounded in Christ we can discover anew our potential and gifts as LGBT Christians.”

**Urs Mattmann**

Author



“It's time to dissociate struggles for women's rights and gay and lesbian rights from the proliferation of rights-based demands to do with vaguely-defined and aggressively defended sexual proclivities and gendered identities.”

**Tina Beattie**

Writer & Academic



“This new initiative seeks fresh ground for developing common wisdom, thereby nurturing the costly compassion and care which characterises the authentic church.”

**Martyn Percy**

Former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford

## Support Our Work

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# LGB Christians aims to:

**Inform** churches and other Christian organisations on specifically LGB issues – through resources, advocacy, and networking

**Campaign and educate**, with others, on the rights, needs and contributions of LGB Christians and our friends – through seminars, lobbying, publications, debate and dialogue

**Assist** those suffering from discrimination, harassment or stigma on account of their sexual orientation or beliefs about sex, through networks of legal, social and spiritual support

**Provide** a safe space for reflection on what it means to be gay, lesbian or bisexual and Christian – through social gatherings, prayer, retreats, publications and conferences

## Our Values and Statement of Conviction

- † Respectful communication and generous collaboration, across political parties and churches
- † Individual freedom of belief and expression, thinking freshly through moral complexities, with good disagreement
- † The scientific reality of biological sex, supported by evidence and clear language
- † Good theology and responsible interpretation, embracing same-sex desire and relationships as part of God's creation
- † Attentive listening, nurturing dialogue, however problematic

**Statement of Conviction:** It is the conviction of LGB Christians that human sexuality in all its richness is a gift of God, gladly to be accepted, enjoyed and honoured as a way of both expressing and growing in love, in accordance with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is our conviction that it is entirely compatible with the Christian faith not only to love another person of the same or opposite sex but also to express that love fully in a personal, sexual relationship.



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