Faith and spiritual leaders can do more to provide spiritual counsel to Gender-expansive young people in the context of one’s own religion.

See “How to Find a Welcoming Faith Community for Your Family,” with a wealth of resources to help you find a gender-inclusive community. Also see our recent programs on Reflections on Gender and Faith here and our “Topics” page on Gender and Faith here.

Understanding Gender

- Understanding Gender
- The Language of Gender

General Faith & Gender Resources

Books:
- Transgender Journeys by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott and Vanessa Sheridan
- Omnimender: A Trans-Religious Approach by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott

Online:
- Gender Spectrum’s Best Practices for Religious, Faith, and Spiritual Leaders
- Transitioning to Inclusion: Embracing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth in Faith Communities
- Gender Identity & Our Faith Communities – A Congregational Guide for Transgender Advocacy
- Transgender Equality and the Work of Faith: The Role of Religious Leadership in a Transphobic World
- TransAction: A Trans Curriculum for Churches and Religious Institutions
- Transgender Curriculum for Faith Communities
- Unitarian Universalism: Transgender 101 Identity, Inclusion, and Resources

Organizations:
- Transfaith
- Center for Inclusivity
- The Institute for Welcoming Resources
- Queer Asian Spirit

Judaism

Books:
- **Balancing on the Mechitza: Transgender in Jewish Community** by Noach Dzmura
- **Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey between Genders** by Joy Ladin
- **The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective** by Joy Ladin
- **Transgender and Jewish** edited by Naomi Zeveloff
- **Torah Queeries: Weekly Commentaries on the Hebrew Bible** edited by y Gregg Drinkwater, Joshua Lesser, and David Sheer

Online:

- **Gender Diversity in Halacha (The way we walk): Mishna and Tosefta (1st-2nd centuries C.E.)**
- **Kol B’mishpachat Elohim – All in God’s Family: A Jewish Guide to Creating Allies for Our LGBT Families**
- **Coming Home to Judaism and to Self**
- **Rituals and Prayers for Transition**

Organizations:

- **Keshet**
- **TransTorah**
- **The Institute for Judaism, Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity**
- **Jewish Queer Youth (JQY)**

**Christianity**

Books:

- **Ministry Among God’s Queer Folk: LGBT Pastoral Care** by David Kundtz
- **Retreating Forward: A Spiritual Practice with Transgender Persons** by David Elias Weekley
- **A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth** by Cody J. Sanders
- **Trans-gendered: Theology, Ministries, and Communities of Faith** by Justin Tanis
- **Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians** by Austen Hartke
- **This Is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians** by Christina Beardsley
- **Transgender Children of God** by Megan Rohrer
- **Transparently: Behind the Scenes of a Good Life** by Lisa S. Salazar
- **Trans/formations** by Marcella Althaus-Reid and Lisa Isherwood
- **Transgender, Intersex, and Biblical Interpretation** by Teresa J. Hornsby and Deryn Guest

Online:

- **Transgender Welcome: A Bishop Makes the Case for Affirmation** by Bishop Gene Robinson
- **Biblical Sexuality and Gender: Renewing Christian Witness to the Gospel**
- **A La Familia: Una Conversación Sobre Nuestras Familias, la Biblia, la Orientación Sexual y la Identidad de Género**
• **Coming Home to Catholicism and to Self**
• (video)**Voices of Witness: Out of the Box** from Integrity USA (Episcopal)
• (video)**Owning Our Faith** - LGBTQ+ folks in Catholic communities
• (video)**Call Me Malcolm** – Documentary from the United Church of Christ
• (video)**Growing Up Transgender and Mormon** from National Geographic
• (video)**Trans-Forming the Church: Blessed Bodies and Gender Justice** from Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist)

Organizations:

• **Believe Out Loud**
• **Queer Theology**
• **Queer Grace**
• **Many Voices: A Black Church Movement for Gay and Transgender Justice**
• **Generous Space Ministries**

**Islam**

Books:

• **Living Out Islam: Voices of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Muslims** by Scott Siraj al-Haqq Kugle
• **Queer Jihad: LGBT Muslims on Coming Out, Activism, and the Faith** by Afdhere Jama

Online:

• **The Huriyah Blog**
• **Coming Home to Islam and to Self**
• **Longest Days, Sacred Nights: A Queer/Trans Ramadan Care Package**
• **Islamic Texts: A Source for Acceptance of Queer Individuals into Mainstream Muslim Society**
• (video)**Muslims for Progressive Values’ “Intro to LGBTQ Lecture Series”**

Organizations:

• **Coming Out Muslim**
• **Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity**
• **Muslims for Progressive Values**

**Unitarian Universalism**

Books:

• **Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists**
• **Struggling in Good Faith: LGBTQI Inclusion from 13 American Religious Perspectives**
Online:

- **Unitarian Universalism: A Religious Home for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer People**
- **Unitarian Universalism: Transgender 101 Identity, Inclusion, and Resources**
- **The Uplift Blog and Newsletter – Unitarian Universalist Association**
- **Transgender Identity and Inclusion Webinar**
- **Crossing Paths: Where Transgender and Religion Meet**

Organizations:

- **Transgender Religious Professional Unitarian Universalists Together (TRUUsT)**
- **Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice**

**Buddhism**

Books:

- **Out of the Ordinary: A Life of Gender and Spiritual Transitions** by Michael Dillon
- **Sexuality in Classical South Asian Buddhism** by José Ignacio Cabezón
- **The Trans* Buddhist Anthology** by Kevin Manders and Elizabeth Marston (In Progress)

Online:

- **Developing Trans* Competence: A Short Guide to Improving Transgender Experiences at Meditation and Retreat Centers**
- **We’re Queer And We’ve Been Here: Rediscovering Buddhism’s LGBT History of Gay Monks, Homoerotic Samurai, and Gender-Nonconforming Practitioners and Gods**
- **Gender Dysphoria and the Dharma**
- **Voluntarily Assuming the Appropriate Karma**
- **Does my transgender identity conflict with Buddhism’s teachings on no-self?**

Organizations:

- **TransBuddhists**
- **International Transgender Buddhist Sangha**

**Confucianism and Taoism**

Books:

- **Transgender China** by Howard Chiang
- **After Eunuchs: Science, Medicine, and the Transformation of Sex in Modern China** by Howard Chiang
- **Tao of Gender** by Tarynn M. Witten
Online:

- **6 Steps to Explaining Your Transgender Identity to Your Immigrant Family** by Amy Sun
- **Transgender Performance in Early Modern China** by Sarah E. Kile
- **The Tao of Transition Blog** by Zander Keig
- **Resources for API Families** from PFLAG

Organizations:

- **The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance**

Native Traditionalism and Indigenous Beliefs

Books:

- **Two-Spirit People: Native American Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Spirituality** by Sue-Ellen Jacobs, Wesley Thomas, and Sabine Lang
- **Gender in Pre-Hispanic America** by Cecelia F. Klein
- **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Myths from the Arapaho to the Zuñi: An Anthology** by Jim Elledge

Online:

- **Two Spirit Terminology and Identity**
- **Two Spirits** - film
- **Two-Spirit: The Journey of Indigenous Gender Identity**
- **Two Spirit: My Journey Home**
- **A Map of Gender-Diverse Cultures**
- **Cherokee “Two Spirits”: Gender, Ritual, and Spirituality in the Native South** by Gregory D. Smithers
- **Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Queer Saint Tibira and Two-Spirit Native Americans Remembered**

Organizations:

- **Two Spirit Journal**
- **Native PFLAG**
- **Dancing to Eagle Spirit Society**

*If you have a faith tradition you’d like to see represented on this list, feel free to send a request to Austen Hartke, our Faith Coordinator, at ahartke@genderspectrum.org!