



We are excited to share our upcoming programs for you and your family, and we are excited to announce that we're developing a new resource that will help connect families nationwide with the support they need. We hope you enjoy these programs and resources -- please share this email with others who may find this information of interest!

**Gender and Faith:
A Facebook Live Q&A With Austen Hartke**



Austen Hartke is the author of "Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians." In March, **he spoke about his work and the book** with Gender Spectrum Executive Director Lisa Kenney, and we are hosting an upcoming **Facebook Live event** where Austen will answer your questions on gender and faith. You can ask questions during the live event or you can email questions ahead of time to info@genderspectrum.org. Join us on Thursday, May 31st from 12pm to 1pm PT on the **Gender Spectrum Facebook page** for this exciting, interactive conversation!

Teens can also join our Gender and Faith online discussion with Austen on Tuesday, May 29 at 4pm PT - [click here](#) to register.

Finally, Austen has also started a new series of interviews with gender-diverse faith leaders. Earlier this month **Austen interviewed Rev. Megan Rohrer**, the first non-binary person to be ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This past week, **Austen spoke with Mahdia Lynn**, a Muslim trans woman and founder of the Masjid al-Rabia mosque in Chicago, about her experiences observing the sacred month of Ramadan. You can keep up with all of the interviews via our [YouTube playlist](#).

Feel free to [contact Austen](#) if you have a faith leader you'd like to see interviewed or topic you'd like to see covered!

Young People Reflect on Race and Gender



Race and gender are aspects of our identities that often overlap in challenging and wonderful ways. Our Youth Council shares their thoughts on gender and race in a new video series, watch the brief promo above and keep an eye on our [YouTube page](#) for more videos coming soon from these thoughtful young people.

Upcoming Online Discussion Groups



Our series of Online Discussion Groups for parents and adult family members continues in June with two new groups:

Self-Care for Parents and Caregivers: Join this discussion and connect with others to share thoughts and ideas for taking the time needed to care for yourself. [Register here](#) for this group.

Navigating Your Child's Gender and Your Christian Faith: Your faith community can be a great source of comfort and joy, but may also create some challenges around supporting your transgender, nonbinary, or gender-expansive child. Join this group to share your thoughts and connect with others

facing similar challenges. [Register here](#) for this group.

We also have a **National Parent Support Group** for parents and caregivers on Tuesday, June 12 from 5pm to 6pm PT, you can [click here](#) to find out more on this group. And you can still join our ongoing Discussion Groups for adults and teens for the month of May:

[Register here](#) for our adult group on **Adoption and Your Gender Diverse Child**. The next is meeting on Wednesday, May 23 from 10am to 11am PT.

[Register here](#) for our adult group on **Masculinity and Femininity**, meeting on Mondays May 21 and May 28 from 11am to 12pm PT.

[Register here](#) for our **Teen Youth of Color Group**, meeting on Thursdays May 24, May 31 and June 7 from 4pm to 5pm PT.

Also, our next regular monthly **Online Discussion for Group Facilitators** will meet on Thursday, June 7 from 11am to 12pm PT. The discussion is for anyone who runs a group that serves transgender, non-binary or otherwise gender-expansive children and teens and/or their family members. Facilitators can [register here](#) for this group.

NEW! Online Groups Directory



Gender Spectrum is developing a searchable **Directory of Online and In-person Groups** to help all families with transgender, non-binary and gender-

expansive children find the groups they need.

Group leaders from around the country who host parent support groups, church-based groups, LGBT Center groups, and other groups that serve gender-expansive youth and/or their families are now adding their groups to the Directory.

If you know group leaders who host in-person or online groups, they can use [this link](#) to add the group information into the Directory. We would greatly appreciate your help by forwarding this email along to group leaders you know. If you have any questions, please email pwool@genderspectrum.org.



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