



BUILDING AFFIRMING FAITH COMMUNITIES: HITOPS FAITH INITIATIVE SERIES

"How can we create an environment that genuinely welcomes LGBTQ+ members, especially youth?"

OVERVIEW

The HiTOPS Faith Initiative Series seeks to build affirming spaces within faith communities for LGBTQ+ youth and their families. We invite you to participate in a two-part series that focuses on gender and sexuality and addresses theological concepts and scriptural references often used against members of the LGBTQ+ community. We also share stories we've collected that uplift people's lived experiences within faith communities.

The Faith Initiative series creates a non-judgmental space with opportunities for questions and learning. We provide concrete examples of welcoming congregations, and can enhance your journey of becoming an affirming community.

SESSION 1 TOPICS

- What does it mean to be affirming and why is it so important?
- Living at the intersection of queer and faith identities
- How can faith-based environments become truly affirming?

SESSION 2 TOPICS

- Define Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression (SOGIE)
- Contextualizing biblical references as they SOGIE
- Putting it into practice

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