

Human Sexuality & the Methodist Church of New Zealand Resources

There are many resources exploring Biblical views of sexuality, LGBTQ stories and experiences and the history of debates about sexuality in church and society. The following are a selection of some accessible resources that might help people to reflect on these issues.

Alan Brash, *Facing Our Differences: The Churches and Their Gay and Lesbian Members*, WCC, Geneva, 1995

(nearly twenty-five years old but still an excellent short introduction which includes an examination of key Biblical texts)

For The Bible Tells Me So, A film by Daniel Karlake, 2007

(looks at issues of sexuality through the experiences of five American Christian families)

Terry Stewart, *Invisible Families*, New Women's Press, Dunedin, 1993

(a New Zealand book written by the mother of a gay son and very much from a parent's viewpoint)

Liz Lightfoot, *Outspoken: Coming Out in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand*, Otago University Press, Dunedin, 2011

(the stories of lay and ordained gay and lesbian people in the Anglican Church in New Zealand)

Karen P. Oliveto, *Our Strangely Warmed Hearts: Coming Out Into God's Call*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 2018

(written by a bishop of the United Methodist Church (USA), a reflection on issues of sexuality in the American church)

<https://itgetsbetter.org>

(website of the It gets Better Project, a world-wide LGBTQ campaign designed to uplift, empower and connect young people. The site contains over 60,000 personal video stories affirming that life gets better.)