



What Is Family Diversity Projects?

Family Diversity Projects (FDP) is an award-winning non-profit organization 501c(3) that created and distributes the renowned traveling photo-text exhibits: **Love Makes A Family:** Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families; **In Our Family:** Portraits of All Kinds of Families; **Pioneering Voices:** Portraits of Transgender People; **Of Many Colors:** Portraits of Multiracial Families; **Nothing to Hide:** Mental Illness in the Family; and **The Road to Freedom:** Portraits of People with Disabilities.

Family Diversity Projects is devoted to educating the public about issues related to the full range of diversity in our society. Family Diversity Projects creates photo-text exhibits and books in order to help eliminate prejudice, stereotyping, name-calling, and harassment of people who are discriminated against due to race, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, size, and mental or physical ability.

Founded by two of the artists who created these exhibits —photographer, Gigi Kaeser and interviewer/editor, Peggy Gillespie—Family Diversity Projects also provides speakers and workshop leaders for conferences and exhibit venues.



The issue isn't the gender of the person...

"The issue isn't the gender of the person I love, but the qualities of the relationship. Scripture has a lot to say about compassion, love, and justice as the marks of a faithful relationship. What I love about my partner, Darin, is how playful he is. And I love the way he takes care of our house. He waters the plants and tends to all living things in our home, which I was never good at. We pray together at meals and we share a spiritual life with each other. We talk about God together. I'm a better person when I'm with Darin. He helps me live into my higher self."

-Pastor Bradley Schmeling

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greater inclusion in the church

"I'm a Lutheran pastor and my partner, Jane, is a UCC pastor. Over the years, we've worked for greater inclusion in the church, because for many years the Lutheran Church did not recognize my ministry. We celebrate the recent policy change that allows the Lutheran Church to affirm my ordination. I do my most authentic ministry when I can fully be myself. I don't talk about being gay that often, and yet it makes a huge difference not to have to hide reality."

-Rev. Jen Nagel

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WE HAVE FAITH:

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
and Transgender Clergy and
People of Faith Speak Out*

**A photo-text exhibit you can bring
to your house of worship, conference,
school, college, library, museum,
and community event**



What Is **We Have Faith**?

We Have Faith: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clergy and People of Faith Speak Out is the latest touring photo-text exhibit created by Family Diversity Projects. This exhibit includes interviews by Peggy Gillespie of leading LGBT clergy, allied clergy, and people of faith, and photos by Gigi Kaeser—the same team that created the award-winning traveling exhibit **Love Makes A Family: Portraits of LGBT People and their Families**. **We Have Faith** is an exceptional and inspiring resource that can help open minds and hearts. Displaying this exhibit will support the movement for the full moral and legal equality of LGBT people in faith traditions and in society as a whole.

We Have Faith features renowned clergy and people of many faiths and denominations including: United Church of Christ, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Catholic, Jewish, Congregational, Pentecostal, Muslim, Mormon, Unitarian Universalist, Reformed Church of America, MCC, Baptist, and Buddhist.

We have to bless whatever ways

"There's so much violence and destruction in the world and it's so important to me for religious communities to find more ways to affirm love and nonviolence. It is extremely ironic to me when religious groups—that ought to be taking care of people who are starving and ill—spend even one iota of energy fighting about people who love each other. It is absolutely sinful to me. It's blasphemous! For goodness sakes, we have to bless whatever ways love finds a presence in our world."

—Reverend Rebecca Voelkel
Program Director, Institute of Welcoming Resources

love finds a presence in our world

the movement to create a new landscape

"**We Have Faith** will continue to break the notion that Christians and religious people of other faiths, including Jews and Muslims, are all anti-LGBT. This project from Family Diversity Projects will bolster the movement to create a new landscape in which faith and religion is a place of nurturance for those who have been wounded by the homophobic and transphobic voices in many faith traditions. This exhibit is doing ground-breaking work in the area of faith and values. I encourage every house of worship, conference, seminary, college, or school to show **We Have Faith** and all the other FDP exhibits."

—Sung Park, Program Director, Believe Out Loud Project and seminary student

doing ground-breaking work

Use **We Have Faith** In Your Community.

- to promote dialogue among congregants, church leaders, clergy, seminary students, and the public at large (of all ages) about LGBT equality
- to support and encourage houses of worship to become welcoming congregations—havens of safety and inclusion for all people
- to support houses of worship that have already made the decision to welcome LGBT people and clergy, and want to make a public statement about this policy
- to provide a powerful resource for the Marriage Equality movement throughout the USA
- to mobilize individual clergy, denominational leaders, and entire faith communities to become anti-discrimination activists
- to help fight legislation that is faith-based and discriminatory towards LGBT people
- to openly and visibly challenge homophobia and transphobia in houses of worship, schools, colleges, and businesses
- to help foster informed discussions in state houses, colleges, schools, and other community venues about bias, prejudice, and discrimination
- to respond to situations involving name-calling, bullying, stereotyping, and faith-based prejudice towards LGBT people

We Have Faith Teaches Us.

- the importance of actively challenging prejudice
- that all people deserve equal treatment and civil rights
- that there are religious communities and leaders of many denominations that warmly embrace LGBT people



You Can Bring This Exhibit To Your Community

We Have Faith can travel worldwide to your house of worship, regional or national church conference, seminary, college, school, library, museum, state house, or community gathering of any kind.

Family Diversity Projects circulates multiple copies of **We Have Faith** and can work with you to have a highly successful exhibition experience.

God looks on my family the same way

"I never ever had any belief at all that God would think any less of me for being gay. I'm happy to be able to tell people that whoever they are, God loves them. If they are questioning their sexual orientation, there is never a moment when God doesn't accept them. I think God looks on my family the same way God looks on every human creature and every part of creation. I believe that God loves my family, blesses my family, and is an integral part of my family's life. God is such a mystery."

—Timothy Burger, Episcopal Priest

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