

## OUR MISSION

- Encourage personal spirituality and Christlike behavior.
- Provide support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) people who experience difficulty reconciling their identity with traditional LDS beliefs.
- Educate members and leaders of the LDS Church about sexual and gender orientation.
- Provide GLBT Mormons with positive opportunities for social, intellectual, emotional, and cultural development.



*Pride Parade*

## COMMENTS

"I've been gay ever since I can remember. I just haven't had the courage to admit it. Knowing there are others like me gives me the strength to do just that."

"Through Affirmation, I got the support I needed to establish my sense of self-worth and to be proud of who I am, which happened to involve my sexual orientation in addition to all the other things that make up my identity."

"My straight family and friends do not understand being gay, and my gay friends do not understand being Mormon. Having other people who understand what a unique situation we're in is great."

"Since coming out I have lost contact with most of my Mormon friends. Recently I have started missing that aspect of my life. I was glad to find out about Affirmation—to meet gay people who share my values."

"I found Affirmation mentioned in a newspaper article about homosexuality. I was glad and relieved to find out that I am not the only gay Latter-day Saint in the world."

[Read more at www.affirmation.org](http://www.affirmation.org)

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# WELCOME TO AFFIRMATION!

## WHO WE ARE

Affirmation is a fellowship of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) people, their family and friends, who share the common bond of the Mormon experience. We work for acceptance of GLBT people as full and equal members of the LDS Church and society, and to help GLBT people realize and affirm their self-worth.

Affirmation is an independent non-profit organization that welcomes all who support our goals.

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## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We affirm that we are children of Heavenly Parents who love us the way they created us. We believe that sexual or gender orientation is an inherent part of each individual. We believe that through affirming our Mormon heritage, we move towards individual wholeness and help eliminate prejudices and misconceptions that harm everyone, gay or straight.

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## WHAT WE DO

Local chapters of Affirmation meet at least once monthly. Meetings may be social, educational, or spiritual in focus, depending on what each chapter feels would best serve its members' needs.

Examples of meetings include discussions, guest speakers, potluck socials, service projects, and outings.

At the national level, Affirmation holds an annual conference, maintains an AIDS quilt, coordinates vigils in memory of gay Mormon suicides, responds to anti-GLBT actions or statements by the LDS Church, and networks with other GLBT organizations.

Increasingly, Affirmation has an international presence, with groups or contacts in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Holland, Mexico, Scandinavia, Spain, and Uganda.

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*Affirmation banquet*

### LOCAL CHAPTER OR CONTACT:

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## OUR RESOURCES

In addition to the opportunities for service, friendship and personal enrichment provided by local chapters, Affirmation offers these resources:

- A monthly **newsletter** called *Affinity*. Local chapters often publish their own newsletters as well to keep members informed about local events.
- **Publications** on topics such as homosexuality and the scriptures, coming out, and analysis of church teachings.
- A comprehensive **website** with news, events, publications, surveys, and more in multiple languages.
- Q-Saints, an electronic **mailing list** for discussing GLBT Mormon issues online.
- Resources for lesbian or bisexual **women** from Mormon backgrounds.
- A network to help GLBT Mormon **youth** connect with each other and with organizations that can provide additional support and resources.
- Gamofites, an independent organization for gay Mormon **fathers**, closely affiliated with Affirmation.

