What else can I do?
If you or someone you know is an LGBT religious leader, regardless of whether you have been driven from the Church or fully embraced by it, we would be deeply grateful to accept a stole in your honor (named or anonymous) and add your story to this Great Cloud of Witnesses. For information on how to donate a stole, visit our website. If you are passionate about the full inclusion of LGBT people in every aspect of the life of the Church, both at the congregational and denominational levels, there are many ways for you to get involved to create change. Host or attend BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH, a training where you'll learn powerful tools to help the Church be the Church it is meant to be — just, loving and extravagantly welcoming. Through faith-based community organizing skills, sound Biblical and theological education, meaningful worship, discussion of bisexuality and transgender issues, and strategic and faithful thinking about work you can do in your setting. For more information on how to host or attend training, visit our website.

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution of:

$100 $50 $25

Other

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Please send checks (payable to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) to:
The Shower of Stoles Project
122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 210
Minneapolis, MN 55404

To learn more
For more information...
- how to arrange for an exhibit
- how to donate a stole
- order the full-color booklet or the half-hour DVD documentary – So Great a Cloud of Witnesses
- the pro-LGBT faith work of the Institute for Welcoming Resources,
- IWR’s Building an Inclusive Church trainings

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So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

The Shower of Stoles is displayed with the profound hope that God's loving church will someday fully recognize and accept its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members.
The Shower of Stoles Project

is an extraordinary collection of over one thousand liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people of faith. These religious leaders have served in over thirty denominations and faith traditions, and come from six countries on three continents.

This collection celebrates the gifts of LGBT persons who serve God in countless ways, while also lifting up those who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Project bears witness to the huge loss of leadership that the Church has brought upon itself because of its own unjust policies.

The collection tours constantly around the country, being exhibited in local congregations, universities and seminaries, and regional and national denominational gatherings.

How the Stoles can be used in your community

- Bring the collection to your community for a special event, such as a regional meeting, convention, seminary or college program, or ecumenical gathering
- Display part of the collection at local meetings or workshops
- Place a dozen stoles in your sanctuary on the day in which officers are ordained or installed, as a way to remember those who cannot be ordained
- Have stoles and interpretive materials displayed at LGBT Pride events in your community

The Shower of Stoles Project depends on the donations of churches and individuals to take this display around the country. Your donation will help us repair and maintain the stole collection, build display stands, print materials, and help defray the costs of shipping the collection.

Faith traditions represented

- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Alliance of Baptists
- American Baptist Church/USA
- Assemblies of God
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Church of God
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)
- Church of Religious Science
- Community of Christ
- Ecumenical
- Episcopal Church
- Evangelical Covenant Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Free Will Baptist
- Independent Baptist Church
- Independent Christian Church
- Messianic Judaism
- Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
- Mennonite Church (USA)
- Non-Denominational Pentecostal
- Orthodox-Catholic Church of America
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba
- Reform Judaism
- Reformed Church in America
- Roman Catholic Church
- Southern Baptist Convention
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Church of Canada
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Church
- Unity Fellowship Church Movement
- Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

…and many ecumenical groups