

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:

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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



Photo: David Lohman

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.

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
... visit our website:

www.WelcomingResources.org

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So Great a Cloud of Witnesses



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The Shower of Stoles at the Reconciling Ministries Network's Convocation in Nashville, 2007;
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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.



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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