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Gays and Lesbians, Inc.*

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**ABOUT
PPGL**



*Presbyterian Parents of
Gays and Lesbians, Inc.*

*A pastoral ministry within the
Presbyterian Church (USA)
For all people of faith*

The Ministry of PPGL

Parent-to-Parent Support...

If you are a parent who has just become aware of your son's or daughter's homosexuality, you may be experiencing a wide range of emotions: shock, denial, anger, guilt, grief, depression, loneliness, isolation. The experience can be devastating. Often, there is no one to turn to for support. You may be reluctant to talk with your pastor, your family, and even your closest friends.

Presbyterian Parents of Gays and Lesbians (PPGL) is a pastoral ministry within the Presbyterian Church (USA), which provides a support system for parents who struggle to understand and affirm their child's homosexuality, by offering funds to establish parent-to-parent groups.

Rooted in Compassion...

PPGL was founded in Dallas, Texas, in 1994 by Jane Loflin, the mother of a gay son, who was devoted to both her church and her son. Loflin, who was employed in church-related work throughout most of her career, served as Director of PPGL from 1994-1998. Today, funding is available on a nationwide basis to offer start-up assistance and initial monetary support.



Based on Confidentiality...

Once a support group has begun meeting, it is based on confidentiality. Meeting locations and identities of participants are closely guarded, and family privacy is carefully protected.

In a Structured Environment...

PPGL support groups are led by parents of gay or lesbian children. They share a common bond of love, support, respect and affirmation for their sons and daughters, and a common belief that all are created, and are loved, by God.

Meetings include: prayer, devotional or scripture readings, an overview of *PPGL Guidelines* and a review of the *PPGL Statement of Purpose*.

If they desire to do so, participants may share their feelings with the group. Each facilitator is keenly aware that becoming comfortable in a group setting takes time. For this reason, only you will determine when, and if, you choose to share your story. Many participants who are uncomfortable sharing, often find that just listening to others can provide great comfort.

With Caring Reassurance...

The PPGL logo is a butterfly and cross. They symbolize that regardless of where each of us may be in our awareness and acceptance of our child's homosexuality, all of us are being transformed as we give and receive care in community with one another.

PPGL is supported by foundation grants and contributions from congregations, individuals and parent participants. There are no dues or membership fees.

PPGL is not involved in: political or social activism; professional guidance, counseling or therapy services; HIV/AIDS care giving ministries; efforts or ministries to elicit changes in sexual orientation; or endorsement of products or programs.

And Faith-Enriching Affirmation...

PPGL is joined in ministry by members, elders and clergy of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and by parents and individuals from other faith communities. We walk together toward the vision of a church that joyfully accepts and embraces *all* God's children.

Telephone and Web Support

For information about funding and in establishing a parent-to-parent support group, please go to our website (www.presbyterianparents.com) to view guidelines and an application. You may also contact a parent facilitator by calling Larry Lamprich at 972-219-6063.