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## MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

## RESOURCES FOR INTERESTED FAITH LEADERS<sup>1</sup>

**Advocates For Youth** 

www.advocatesforyouth.org

American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists

www.aasect.org

Black Women's Health Imperative

www.blackwomenshealth.org

Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies In Religion and Ministry

www.clgs.org

Center for Religion and Sexuality

www.sexualityandreligion.com

Freedom to Marry

www.freedomtomarry.org

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network

www.glsen.org

**GLAAD** 

www.glaad.org

Hartford Institute For Religion Research

www.hartsem.edu

Many Voices

www.manyvoices.org

National Black Justice Coalition

www.nbjc.org

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays www.pflag.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> List in formation



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## Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (Black Church Initiative Clearinghouse)

www.rcrc.org

Religious Institute

www.religiousinstitute.org

Soulforce

www.soulforce.org

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States www.SIECUS.org

Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

www.uua.org

United Church Board for Homeland Ministries
Ministries for Education in Human Sexuality and Young Adult Programs
<a href="https://www.ucc.org">www.ucc.org</a>

Healing Grace is a program of the African American Religious Affairs department of People For the American Way Foundation. The goal of these thoughtful, facilitated dialogue session and safe environments are to share, learn and grow as it relates to the Black Church, African American clergy and the relationship to the LGBT community. At sessions end, participants will leave with a model for addressing and reducing stigma, prejudice and homophobia within ministry through: (1) a greater sense of values impact on decisions, communication, images, and public perception of African American clergy, faith leaders and the community and its relationship to LGBT communities, especially those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior; (2) the use of active listening and respectful dialogue as tools to reinforce the need for continued open, honest conversation with emphasis on strengthening ministries to help and not harm, dismantle hate under the guise of love, and reduce the number of hurt souls; (3) increase knowledge of the difference between church and state, religious vs. civil marriage, rights vs. discrimination and the importance of pastor, leaders and people engaging in conversation on sexuality, sexuality identity and sexual expression. For information on how to host a Healing Grace session contact Minister Leslie Watson (Malachi) at 202-467-4999 or Imalachi@pfaw.org