

North Star Conference

THE PREMIER CONFERENCE ON SAME-SEX ATTRACTION AND GENDER DYSPHORIA

The North Star Conference, held annually in Provo, Utah, features 4 keynote sessions and 36 topical breakout sessions facilitated by church leaders, scholars and mental health professionals as well as individuals who personally experience same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria.

Developing Understanding Among Church Leadership

As a church leader, counseling with individuals who experience same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria, you may wish to gain a better understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities these individuals and their families are facing.

North Star offers a forum to engage in an open, candid dialogue leading to greater understanding, compassion and empathy. Learn how to offer support, to discuss sensitive subjects, discover faith-promoting resources, and understand how you can help foster a culture of love and support within your congregations.

You will come away with insight from Latter-day Saints who personally experience same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria and are seeking to live their lives in accordance with gospel principles. We have the greatest respect for established church doctrines, and North Star can be a resource in building bridges of understanding.

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“As a member of a stake presidency and former bishop, the North Star Conference was the most informative and influential experience I have had in regards to learning and understanding the complexities of same-sex attraction. Any church leader who attends will feel better prepared to serve those in their congregations, and families of those who experience same sex attraction.”

Kurt Francom

President and Founder, Host of Leading LDS Podcast



Conference Overview

You'll hear success stories and potential challenges and learn about additional resources for further education. The Saturday morning sessions for church leaders is provided free-of-charge. Reduced registration rates are available to church leaders who wish to attend more of the conference.

- **Keynote: Bennett and Becky Borden**

Our Journey Back to Our Faith and to Each Other

- **Keynote: Tom Christofferson**

Reconciling My Sexual Orientation with My Faith

- **18 Topical Breakout Sessions**

See conference website for complete list of sessions and descriptions

- **Special Performance: Jason Lyle Black**

Award-winning composer and concert pianist

As part of the 18 topical breakout sessions, Saturday morning will feature panel discussions specifically for church leaders. Attendance at the church leader sessions is complimentary.

- **Keynote: TerryL and Fiona Givens**

Authors of "The God Who Weeps" and "The Crucible of Doubt"

- **Understanding Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Dysphoria for Church Leaders**

Panel Discussion facilitated by Joseph Stith, Kyle Merkley

- **How Can Local Church Leaders Create a Welcoming Environment?**

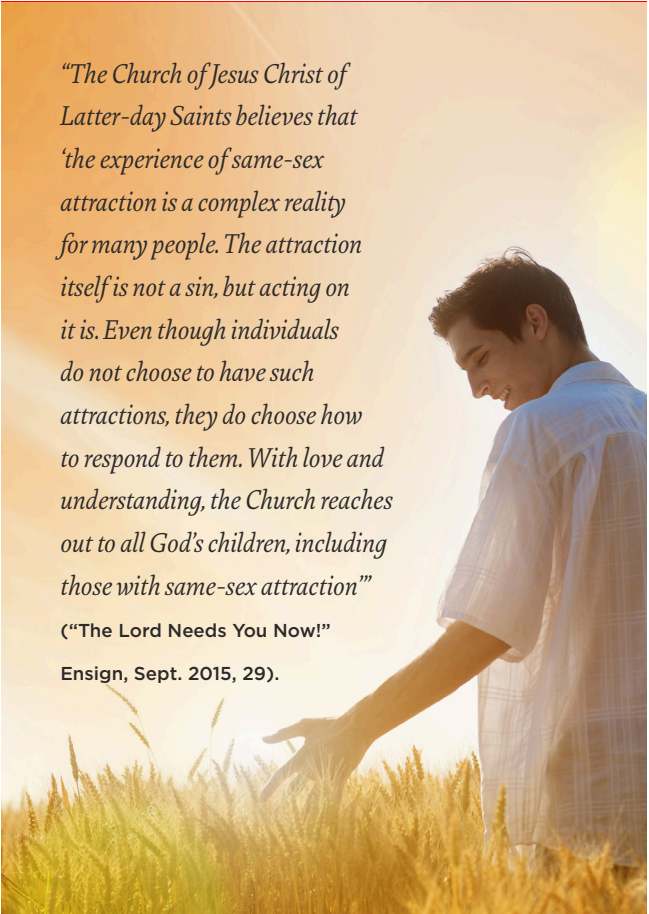
Panel Discussion facilitated by Kurt Francom

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- **Keynote: Ally Isom**

A Path of Light and a House of Belonging: Lessons Learned from Working on MormonAndGay.LDS.org



"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints believes that 'the experience of same-sex attraction is a complex reality for many people. The attraction itself is not a sin, but acting on it is. Even though individuals do not choose to have such attractions, they do choose how to respond to them. With love and understanding, the Church reaches out to all God's children, including those with same-sex attraction'"

("The Lord Needs You Now!")

Ensign, Sept. 2015, 29).

“ *The things I learned at the session for church leaders helped me prepare to make a presentation to my congregation about this complicated topic. It also helped me to better understand what life is like for someone who feels same-sex attraction and is desperately trying to remain active and faithful to their covenants. I recommend this session for all church leaders who want to help every member of their congregation feel like there is a place for them in this church.* **”**

Carl Hull

Highland, Utah

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