



2019

YEAR IN REVIEW



Trained nearly **100** church pastors, leaders, and other Christians

37% increase from 2018



Welcomed **15** LGBTQ+ And Straight Christians into Bible Studies



We're Growing!



Opened a new office
location in
Columbus, Ohio

And we expanded our
volunteer capacity in
Central Ohio!

Hired **2** new part-time employees

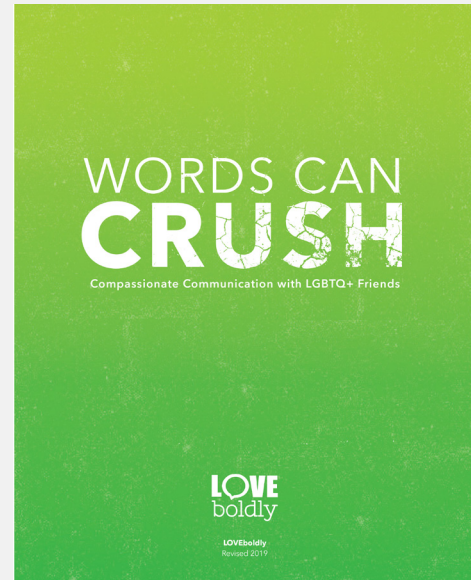


Jennie Benitez
Administrative Assistant



Heather Schmiedicke
Programs Coordinator

Published an LGBTQ+ terminology guide specifically for Christians



Hosted Mikah Meyer in Covington, KY with Trinity Episcopal Church

Mikah is an openly gay Christian and the first person to visit all 419 national parks in a single journey



Hosted **2** dialogue events

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
(Cincinnati, OH)*

*Central City Church
(Columbus, OH)*



Hosted a wine tasting fundraiser in Columbus!

Organized by Sheri Lytle and Rachel Dew

(Please reach out to us if you would like to host a fundraising event!)



91 DONORS GAVE

\$36,055

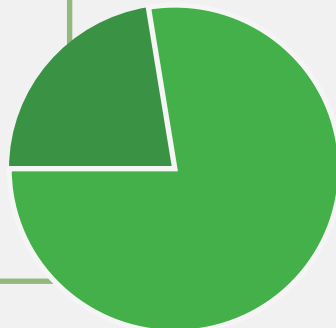
TO SUPPORT OUR WORK

16
Monthly
Supporters

*45% increase
from 2018*

75
Other
givers

*97% increase
from 2018*



Here's how
generously you
gave!

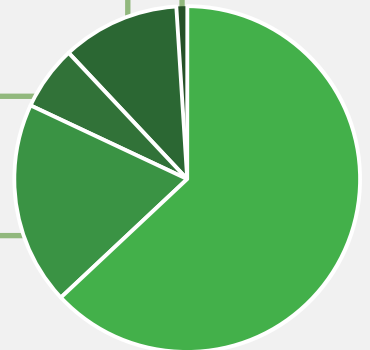
1%
\$5,000+

11%
\$1,000-\$4,999+

6%
\$500-\$999

19%
\$100-\$499

63%
Less than \$100



PRIDE

Every year LOVEboldly spends time at Cincinnati and Covington Pride to share the love of God with people.

821

Responses were gathered on our graffiti walls

78% increase from 2018



585

Encouraging apology messages were distributed to LGBTQ+ people

46% increase from 2018

Mobilized Christians at six churches in the Ohio River Valley to apologize for wrongs done to LGBTQ+ community at Pride

What did your parents say when you came out?



"Get out."

"You are not my daughter."

"Pack your stuff."

"This is really difficult for me to process."

"It's just a phase."

"Having a gay child was my worst fear in life."

"That's disgusting."

"You're an embarrassment."

What would you like to hear from your parents today?



*"I don't understand it
but you're my son and I'll
always love you."*

*"I'm sorry for being so
hateful."*

"Thank you for telling me."

*"I will love & support
you no matter what
and I will try my
best to respect your
pronouns.."*

*"Your sexuality is not a
burden."*

*"We are very proud of
you and what you have
become."*

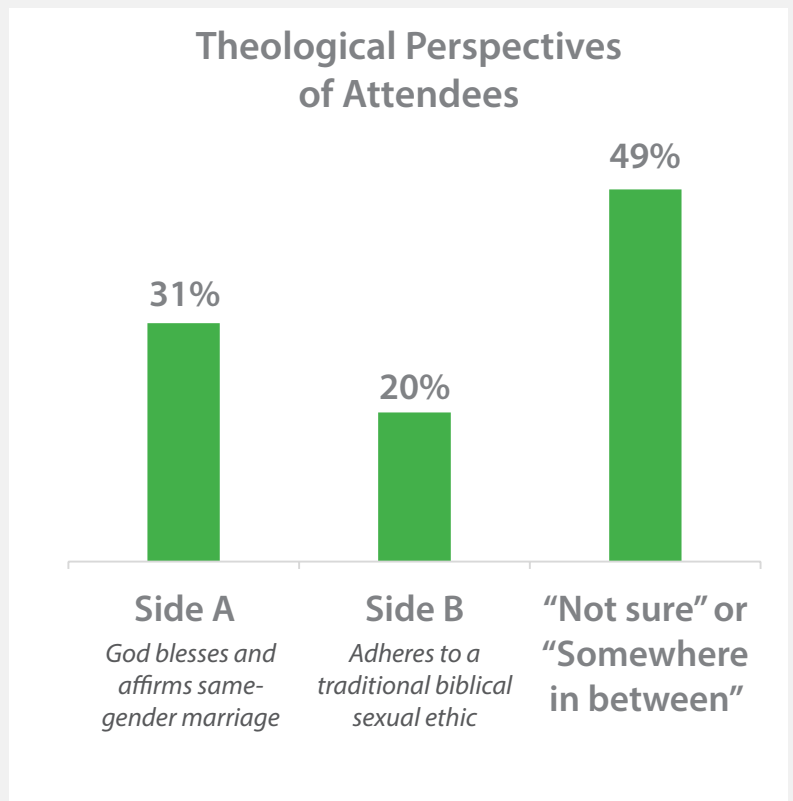
*"God loves you no matter
what the other churches
say."*

Expanded Devoted to be a **two-day event** instead of one!

Every year LOVEboldly hosts Devoted—a training event for church leaders who desire to give better pastoral care to LGBTQ+ people.



A diversity of denominations and theological perspectives were present:



Denominational Affiliations of Attendees

- UMC (Methodist)
- Roman Catholic
- Disciples of Christ
- Church of God
- ELCA (Lutheran)
- Nondenominational
- ABC-USA (Baptist)
- Unitarian Universalist



What people said:

Here are the responses we got from church leaders after the event:

41%

Committed to forming a response to share with LGBTQ+ people when they ask their church's theological views



95%

would share about the event to their friends

27%

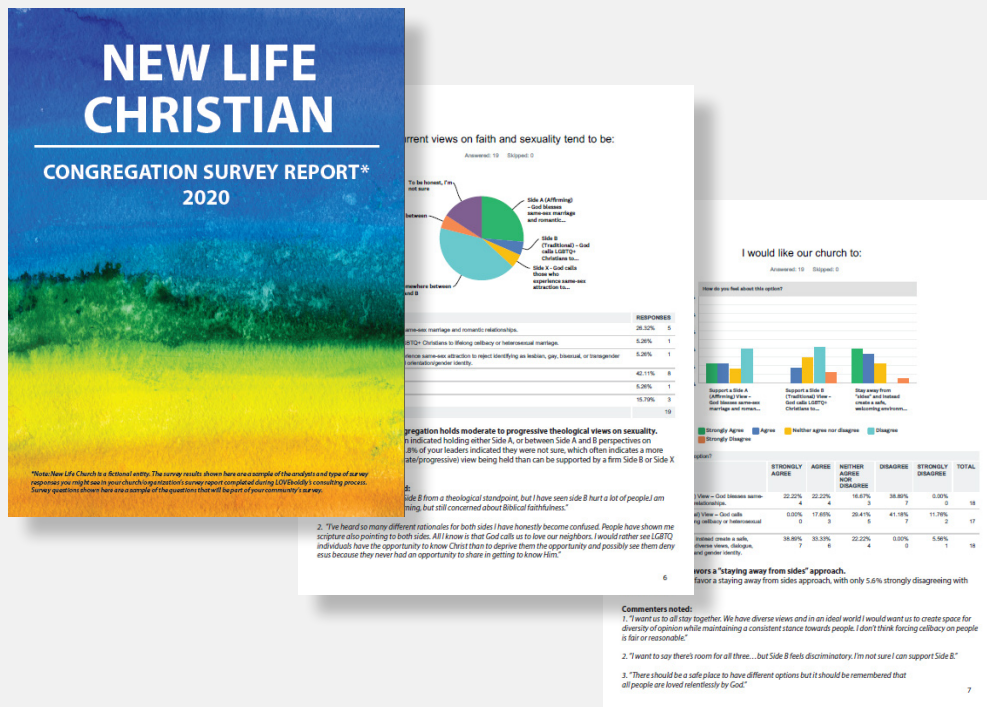
said they will host a similar training or dialogue event about caring for LGBTQ+ people in their church



50%

pledged to invite their leadership team to participate in a small group about caring for LGBTQ+ people in their church

Launched a new consulting process to equip pastors and church leadership teams to provide better care for LGBTQ+ people



Consult Process

PHASE 1

Leadership Discernment

We equip your lead team to understand their own challenges and strengths and provide training and resources so your leaders are ready to lead the conversation.

PHASE 3

Decision and Roll-out

We equip your church to communicate and implement your new policies and procedures on LGBTQ+ care and/or inclusion.

PHASE 2

Congregational Conversation

We roll out our custom survey to your congregation and set the stage for a productive community conversation on faith, sexuality, and gender identity.

PHASE 4

Challenges and Barriers

We remain a resource to your church to discuss progress and challenges.

Please reach out if you would like to learn more about our consulting services!

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THANK YOU!

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and generosity of our supporters in 2019.
Thank you for all that you do.

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