



loveboldly

Creating and developing spaces where LGBTQIA+ people can flourish in Christianity

Church Partner Booklet 2024



Vision

A world where all LGBTQIA+ people can feel safe, belong, and flourish.

Mission

LOVEboldly exists to create and develop spaces where LGBTQIA+ people can flourish in Christianity.

A Letter from Our Executive Director

Dear Current and Potential Church Partners,

LOVEboldly remains the only non/inter-denominational Christian organization in Ohio that is working to make the church and the larger world affirming of the LGBTQIA+ community. We're not working for mere tolerance or performative inclusion; we're working for an affirmation that means nothing less than the Kin-dom of God in our midst. Our work fully centers the LGBTQIA+ community and our actions, programs, and initiatives always have Queer people, particularly Queer Christians in mind. Further, as followers of a radically inclusive, brown-skinned, refugee, and rabbi known as Jesus, it is in our DNA to stand up to Christian nationalism and white supremacy in all their forms.

A significant aspect of that work is our engagement of and partnerships with congregations and other faith communities. In this booklet, you will find information on our church partnership program and the opportunities for churches to financially support LOVEboldly while securing free or reduced-cost programming, coaching/consulting, and outreach for their leaders, staff, and congregants. You will also find more details about our programming and our capacity. But no booklet can answer all questions, so we encourage you to reach out and have a discussion with us.

I'm reminded time and again that LOVEboldly could never do this work without the faithful support of our community members and investors. I look forward to engaging with you!

Faithfully,

Dr. Ben Huelskamp (he/they)
Executive Director
LOVEboldly



Church Partnership Program

The LOVEboldly Church Partnership Program aims to create strong, collaborative relationships between churches, congregations, and other groups and LOVEboldly. Each congregation and LOVEboldly agree to provide support to each other consistent with their capacity and ability. The inherent goal of the program is to develop bonds based on trust, rather than on transactions.

LOVEboldly's Commitment to Partner Churches

- LOVEboldly will provide resources and programming to partner churches (including coaching/consulting, small group discussions, large group presentations, etc.)
- Partner churches are automatically members of LOVEboldly's Church Coalition with all the benefits of other members.
- LOVEboldly will recognize partner churches on its website (name and link).
- Partner Churches that meet LOVEboldly's criteria for affirming churches* will be recognized as partners on the Affirming Church List (see below).

Church Partner's Commitment to LOVEboldly

- Make a financial commitment to LOVEboldly on a yearly or monthly basis.
- Promote LOVEboldly and its programming to the congregation via its website, social media, bulletins, and word-of-mouth.
- Place a link to LOVEboldly's website on the congregation's website.
- Make available at least one opportunity per year for LOVEboldly's ED, Dr. Ben Huelskamp, to preach and promote the mission and ministry of LOVEboldly.

***LOVEboldly does not require Partner Churches or Church Coalition members to be affirming.**

Church Partnership Categories

Partners and Collaborators

\$5,000 or more*

- Three** (3) custom programs*** of any kind
- Four (4) regular presentations
- Four (4) regular small groups
- Recognition (name and link) in all monthly newsletters and action alerts
- Recognition (name and link) on the LOVEboldly website
- Recognition (name and tag) in regular Church Partner social media posts.
- Two (2) free tickets to LOVEboldly's Fall 2024 convening.

Partners and Colleagues

\$1,000 to \$4,999

- Two (2) custom programs of any kind
- Three (3) regular presentations
- Three (3) regular small groups
- Recognition (name and link) on the LOVEboldly website
- Recognition (name and tag) in regular Church Partner social media posts.
- One (1) free ticket to LOVEboldly's Fall 2024 convening.

Partners

Up to \$999

- One (1) custom program of any kind
- Two (2) regular presentations
- Two (2) regular small groups
- Recognition (name and link) on the LOVEboldly website
- Recognition (name) in regular Church Partner social media posts.

*LOVEboldly recognizes that churches may not be able to make any financial commitment. Please contact us to discuss other options.

**Church Partners may request additional programs, custom or regular, at a reduced rate. Please see the honorarium policy below.

**Please see below for the types and topics of programs available.

Programming Types and Topics

Program Types

- **Presentations** - One or two people from LOVEboldly present to a seated group, usually of more than ten people, either in person or via the internet.
- **Small Groups** - One LOVEboldly facilitator leads a group of no more than 15 people through a focused discussion on a book, passage, or topic, either in person or via the internet.
- **Regular Programs** - A program that LOVEboldly has given previously and requires little or no customization for a different group.
- **Custom Programs** - A program that requires a significant amount of research and creative, including new programs and programs which need extensive alterations

Sample Regular Programs

(Please visit our website, <https://www.loveboldly.net/church-partnership>, to view our current list of regular programs.)

Regular Presentations

- LGBTQIA+ 101
- Queer Characters in the Bible
- The Clobber Verses

Regular Small Groups

- Bible Study - The Clobber Verses
- Bible Study - Queering the Bible
- Queer Theology Topics

LOVEboldly's Honorarium Policy

(You can find the full Honorarium Policy on our website.)

LOVEboldly's policy concerning honoraria and payment for services is rooted in the dual and sometimes conflicting priorities of funding a small nonprofit organization and achieving an equitable distribution of limited human and physical resources.

Honoraria or payments for service are not required. LOVEboldly will NEVER prioritize or de-prioritize a congregation or ministry partner based on ability to contribute financially. Often the ministries without financial resources are blessed with many other gifts that we value, cherish, and enhance our collective ministry in this world.

LOVEboldly maintains a formal Church Partner Program as a way of facilitating support from congregations while providing those congregations with tangible programming opportunities.

Some congregations provide both a personal honorarium to the speaker and a donation to LOVEboldly. For example, an honorarium for preaching, and a donation for speaking after worship at a luncheon. However, we are flexible and open to how you wish to structure your contribution.

Below are suggested amounts, based on average contributions. We believe that collectively there is enough, so if your ministry has additional resources, consider making the extra contribution knowing that another ministry will be able to contribute less.

Suggestions:

*Preaching one worship service: \$200

Each additional worship service utilizing the same sermon: \$50

For regular programs (see above): \$100-200 per hour (Church Partners will receive a reduced rate.)

For custom programs: \$200-300 per hour (Church Partners will receive a reduced rate)

**Dr. Ben Huelskamp does not accept honoraria for sermons, prayers, or other liturgical actions. Please consider a donation to LOVEboldly instead.*

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