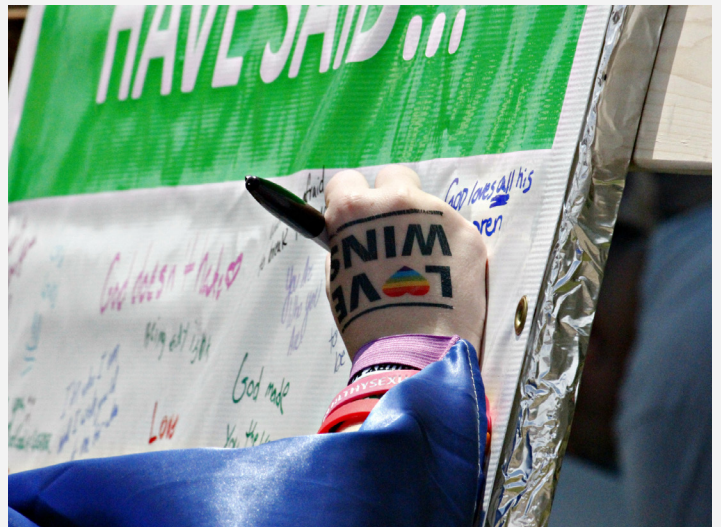




# 2018

YEAR IN REVIEW

**LOVE**  
boldly



TRAINED **70+** CHURCH  
PASTORS, LEADERS,  
AND OTHER CHRISTIANS



RESOURCING **25**  
NEW CHURCHES  
AND MINISTRIES



PARTNERED WITH  
**5** CHURCHES IN  
KENTUCKY AND OHIO



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION!

*Central City Church (Columbus, OH)*

*Christ Church Cathedral (Cincinnati, OH)*

*Daylight Church (Louisville, KY)*

*Echo Church (Cincinnati, OH)*

*Trinity Episcopal Church (Covington, KY)*

**20** VOLUNTEERS DONATED  
AN ESTIMATED **1,000+**  
HOURS OF SUPPORT



*And recruited 4 new part-time program and communications volunteers*

BUILT A STRATEGIC  
PLAN FOR 2019-2022

*and*

HIRED A PART-TIME  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

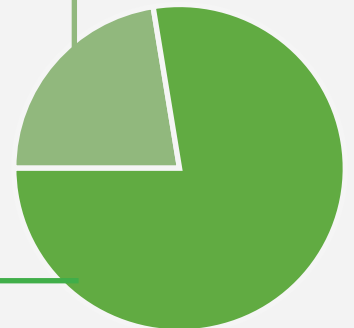


**Heidi Weaver-Smith** is the founder and president of LOVEboldly and has been hosting dialogues with traditionally-minded Christians and the LGBTQ+ community since 2008.

**62** DONORS GAVE  
**\$25,000**  
TO SUPPORT OUR WORK

**12**  
MONTHLY  
SUPPORTERS

**50**  
OTHER  
GIVERS



# WELCOMED 20 LGBTQ+ AND STRAIGHT CHRISTIANS INTO SMALL GROUPS

*and*

LAUNCHED A **NEW** BIBLE STUDY IN DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI



**"My LOVEboldly small group was the first Christian space where I felt truly welcome."**

**STEPHEN**  
LGBTQ+ Christian



**"LOVEboldly has truly been a faith saver for me."**

**CINDY**  
LGBTQ+ Christian

**"The friendships and love I have received at LOVEboldly have helped me be clean and sober today."**

**NICK**  
LGBTQ+ Christian

## CINCINNATI PRIDE

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

# 406

RESPONSES WERE GATHERED  
ON OUR GRAFFITI WALLS



# 400

ENCOURAGING MESSAGES  
WERE DISTRIBUTED TO  
LGBTQ+ PEOPLE

*With the help of our friends at Central City Church from Columbus and Echo Church from Cincinnati.*

# WHAT MADE YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH?



*"They turned their back on me."*

*"One page of the Bible isn't worth a life lost."*

*"Being kicked out of my house at 15 for being gay."*

*"Being told I'd never find someone to love because I loved boys and girls at age 15."*

*"The church picks and chooses passages from the Bible to clobber people."*

*"My dad's anti-gay sermon."*

*"Being sent to a conversion camp without my consent."*

*"I was told I wasn't allowed to take communion because of who I am."*

CINCINNATI PRIDE

# WHAT WOULD BRING YOU BACK TO CHURCH?



*"Stop picking and choosing who should be welcomed in the church."*

*"The kindness I received today."*

*"It may be too late."*

*"Acceptance for being trans."*

*"All means all."*

*"Never felt welcome in the first place."*

*"An apology for LGBTQIA people for the sins done against us."*

---

CINCINNATI PRIDE

---

# I WISH MY YOUTH PASTOR WOULD HAVE SAID...

*"You are perfect the way  
you are."*

*"God doesn't make  
mistakes."*

*"I love you, and just start  
there."*

*"It'll get better, I  
promise."*

*"We know you're gay  
and it's okay!"*





## DEVOTED FOR YOUTH PASTORS

*In October LOVEboldly hosted Devoted for Youth Pastors—a training event for church leaders that desire to give better pastoral care to LGBTQ+ youth.*

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

**70%**

feel better equipped as a pastoral care giver for LGBTQ+ youth

**87%**

would recommend our training event to their friends

**1 in 3**

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

**1 in 3**

will lead a small group about caring for LGBTQ+ in their church



2018

THANK YOU!

**LOVE**  
boldly