



## 10 Things You Can Do to Be a Straight Ally in Your Faith Community

Looking for simple ways to start being a more engaged and active straight ally in your faith community? Try using a few of these suggestions to build your ally skills and start creating change.

Don't forget to visit [www.straightforequality.org](http://www.straightforequality.org) and read *the guide to being a straight ally*.

- 1.** Personally invite GLBT people to services and/or events.
- 2.** Provide affirming GLBT books or movies for the congregation library.
- 3.** Speak up when a negative comment is made or a joke is told.
- 4.** Have an event, such as a potluck with a movie night to show a film like *For the Bible Tells Me So* and follow it with a group discussion.
- 5.** Invite an outside speaker to come and do a presentation on GLBT people and faith to get a new perspective.
- 6.** Give a sermon about acceptance and love for all people – and mention GLBTs – as a way to start a congregation-wide conversation.
- 7.** Have an open discussion with the head of your congregation about why you think your community needs to be more openly accepting. Be a resource to that leader and let them ask questions.
- 8.** Educate your church on which organizations are inclusive, and which ones aren't.
- 9.** Support church policies that promote equality.
- 10.** Ask your clergy person to perform commitment ceremonies for gay couples.