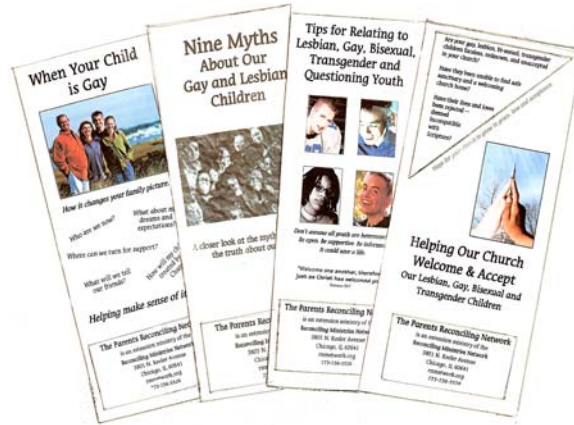


## A Cover Letter for PRN Brochures



Dear Shepherd of the United Methodist Church,

We send greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is calling each of us, especially pastors, to give counsel to parents and other family members of persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender (lgbt). For this reason we offer a resource to enable them and you to give pastoral guidance.

Enclosed are packets of several brochures recently published by PRN, the Parents Reconciling Network, of the United Methodist Church. PRN is an extension ministry of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). We are parents and friends of persons who have discovered a personal sexual orientation that is not heterosexual. Our purpose is to minister to the needs of such persons, and to deal with the challenge of homophobia. We define homophobia as discomfort with the issue of persons' differing sexual orientations. We have each been called by God for this important ministry of reconciliation. (For more information about PRN and RMN, please consult our website [rmnetwork.org](http://rmnetwork.org)).

Please read and share these brochures with others. Additional copies may be downloaded from the website. If you know of any families in need of this ministry please pass their names on to us for future contact.

Please also assist us in bringing our message to people in the Central Conferences of our great church, by sharing with us names of faithful persons who might become part of our ministry.

Regardless of how each of us interprets the Holy Scriptures on the issue of homosexuality, we all agree that, like heterosexual persons, gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons are children of God, and are "persons of sacred worth." We pray that the United Methodist Church can faithfully respond to the challenge of homophobia, even as it has responded to the challenges of slavery, racism and sexism.

We remain in ministry with you and the whole church.

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Coordinators of the Parents Reconciling Network