



# conferences

For LGBT and same-sex attracted Mormons and their Families and Friends

## NEXT CONFERENCE

February 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

*Courageous Conversations*

Featuring: Justin Lee, Laurie Campbell, Tom Christofferson and Lisa Tensmeyer Hansen

Circling the Wagons conferences seek to be safe spaces for *all* Mormons, regardless of sexuality, belief or life decisions. We intentionally keynote speakers who have different beliefs to demonstrate that people who disagree can accept each other and work together. Instead of speaking in support of their individual ideologies, all speakers will address the conference theme – *Courageous Conversations*. We hope to foster healthy discussions about topics that have a history of being especially contentious and then to conclude the conference with a session about actions we can take together to improve the emotional, social, sexual and physical safety of Mormons who self-identify as LGBTQ or same-sex attracted.

### Justin Lee

Justin Lee of the Gay Christian Network is the author of book "Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christian Debate" and the director of the 2009 film "Through my Eyes" exploring the struggles of young gay Christians.

He is well known for his work supporting both "Side A" and "Side B" gay Christians and clearly articulating the impact "The Great Debate" has on members of his community.

### Lisa Tensmeyer Hansen

Lisa Tensmeyer Hansen is a licensed marriage and family therapist and PhD candidate at Brigham Young University who sees clients at the Provo Center for Couples and Families. She specializes in couple and adolescent-family relations, including addressing LGBTQ issues in family context. As a member of the LGBTQ Guild of Therapists in Utah, she focuses on the mental health stressors experienced with respect to the LDS community.

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