

## Gay and Lesbian

refers to the sexual orientation of people toward their own sex. Men who love men refer to themselves as gay. Women who love women call themselves lesbian. 2–5% of the population is gay or lesbian.

## Bisexuality

is the sexual orientation of people toward both men and women. Men as well as women can be bisexual. The degree to which one is attracted to a man and a woman may vary greatly. One may be more attracted to women than to men and vice versa.

## Transsexuality

or transgender identity is the permanent inner certainty of belonging to the opposite of one's birth gender. This includes the rejection of the physical characteristics of anatomical gender and the role expectations associated with it. Transsexual people often feel the need to go through gender reassignment procedures via hormonal and surgical measures, followed by social and legal recognition to live in the desired gender.

## You

Do you feel different from others? What would it be like if others knew how you really feel? Will your parents love you the same they did before? Will your friends, acquaintances, colleague and fellow-believers accept you as you are?

Maybe you feel the need to find someone who understands your situation. It was like this for many of us until we met



in October 1999 for the first time and founded Rainbow-NAC.

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**...and New Apostolic?**





# RAINBOW-NAC

Homosexual, bisexual and transsexual Christians in the New Apostolic Church

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Rainbow-NAC is committed to the New Apostolic Church and we support and contribute to our congregations. We are committed to ensuring that

- LGBT brothers and sisters of the New Apostolic Church can live their faith equally as full-fledged members of the congregations without discrimination.
- the love between two people of the same sex has the same status as the love between men and women, and is based on the same God-given values.

- same-sex partnerships should be granted access to a Trinitarian blessing.
- LGBT brothers and sisters as well as their family members receive competent and individual pastoral care rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and His universal love.
- LGBT brothers and sisters or those living with a transsexual past can teach and exercise ministry and teaching activities in the New Apostolic Church.

## Who we are

Rainbow-NAC is a private interest group of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual Christians within the New Apostolic Church. It was founded in 1999 and is open to family members, friends and people of different faith.

The initiative is a global organization with a presence in Europe, North and South America and South Africa. Worldwide, Rainbow-NAC has hundreds of active members.

Rainbow-NAC is officially represented by a number of speakers. For each subject area – gay, lesbian, bi- and transsexual – contact representatives are available. A parental support initiative within Rainbow-NAC offers information and advice for parents since 2012.

Regularly held regional and international meetings provide a platform for mutual understanding and ensure a common exchange of ideas. In working sessions projects are planned, LGBT issues are discussed and the results of the collaboration with the church leadership are presented.



## Church

Rainbow-NAC has an ongoing dialogue and a close cooperation with the New Apostolic Church since 2003. Representatives of the Church meet with Rainbow-NAC on an annual basis to discuss the needs of LGBT brothers and sisters and to coordinate the common work.

In many countries, regional groups cooperate closely with their Apostles and District Apostles. Upon the invitation of the Church, Rainbow-NAC leads workshops for congregations or youth groups, and is regularly visible at youth days or church conventions. Rainbow-NAC is currently working with the District Churches of Switzerland/Austria to create a guideline for individual pastoral care for LGBT brothers and sisters.