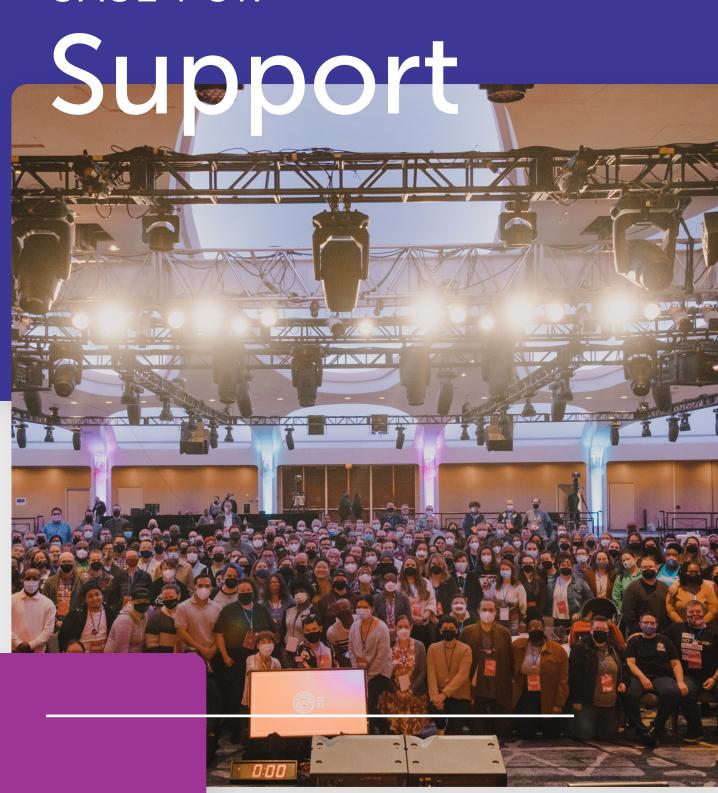
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Can you imagine a world where all LGBTQ+ people are fully loved by family, church, and community, and Christians worldwide live up to their calling to be instruments of grace and defenders of the outcasts? We can.

Dear Family in Christ,

Q Christian Fellowship is a dynamic, enduring, spiritual community of LGBTQ+ Christians, their parents and families, clergy, and other allies. We have been pursuing our mission of cultivating radical belonging for 21 years! Throughout these years we have witnessed surges of anti-LGBTQ+ political action, the proliferation of deadly conversion therapy programs, violence against LGBTQ+ people, and painful estrangements from family for LGBTQ+ people - and particularly LGBTQ+ people who identify with Christianity. In the wake of these acts of physical, emotional, and spiritual violence, Q Christian Fellowship has been a refuge for people who have not felt safe to enter into a church yet are starving for communion with those who love Jesus. We believe that community is a powerful thing. Even though LGBTQ+ Christians have faced discrimination and many obstacles to finding belonging, thousands have found a lifeline through the connections and resources available through Q Christian Fellowship.

We look back upon our dynamic legacy and bold future and give thanks for the support of you and many others who have been a part of QCF over the last two decades. Our organization has changed and adapted to the needs of our community and world just as many of you have also changed and adapted on your own faith journeys. But one thing that has remained true over the decades is our commitment to advocate and create a world where all LGBTQ+ people are fully loved by family, church, community, and Christians worldwide.

This is why Q Christian Fellowship, with your vital support, is committed to inviting others on a healing journey of not just ourselves but our world and our churches. You will see throughout this document the stories and statistics of the ways you can help advance our mission. Would you prayerfully consider your involvement as a donor, a volunteer, and as an advocate who can invite others to join us in this mission?

Thank you for your financial support and, more than anything, the blessing of your witness as an LGBTQ+ person, family member, or ally. You embody Christ's universal embrace for all people. May it be said of us that we are instruments of grace and defenders of the outcasts.

With gratitude,



Bukola Landis-Aina She, Her | Executive Director

### **Community Groups**

By the Numbers: May 1st, 2022 - April 30th, 2023

### 860+ Participants

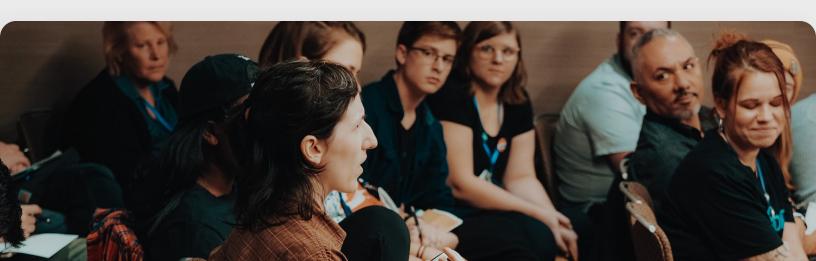
worldwide, spread over 72 Groups

### 30% BIPOC participants

18% of participants outside the United States

### Over a Dozen Group Types

including an Ace/Aro/Demi/Gray Support Group, a Clobber Passages Bible Study, a Coming Out Support Group, a Deconstruction and Reconstruction Support Group, and others



### **QCF Programming Testimonials**





The QCF groups have helped me grow, not only as a queer Christian, but as a full adult. My views on my own sexuality have evolved. I've been able to heal from past hurts and look towards a brighter future. And, I've made some amazing, real friends along the way. The genuine spaces created through the QCF groups have allowed for aunthentic connections.

More than anything, I am so appreciative of the deeper connection I am making with GOD. He is no longer a disapproving Father who tolerates my presence in His Kingdom. He/They are a loving Creator who made me in their image, and celebrates the place I hold in their community.





The Fall Retreat was a soul lifting, identity affirming, and relationally connecting weekend. It was amazing to see the many hues of the LGBTQ+ rainbow showing up to laugh & lament, reflect & rage, worship & wander together. It was a time of feeling less alone and more fully known by other LGBTQ+ siblings that have navigated Christianity. It was a powerful and meaningful time in my own faith journey.

# Conference & Parent & Family Summit By the Numbers: May 1st, 2022 - April 30th, 2023

686 Attendees at the 2023 Conference In-Person [490] and Virtual [196]

**300 First Time Conference Attendees** 

\$3,646 in scholarship donations awarding 20 full scholarships, 22 partial scholarships, and 27 virtual scholarships to the 2023 conference

2022 Parent & Family Summit

28 In-Person Attendees

# Online Resources By the Numbers

111 UNCHANGED Stories

published since 2019

10,300+ Total Downloads to date

of our 7 Affirmation & Relational Guides

58,000+ Social Media Followers to date

across Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter

2,900+ Downloads of The

Good Fruit Project launched in

partnership with The Trevor Project

175,599 Visitors

to the Q Christian websites in 2022

### The Team Behind the Mission



**Bukola Landis-Aina** (she/her) Executive Director



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**Josh RaderLee** (he/him) Development Manager

### The Money Behind the Mission: May 1st, 2022 - April 30th, 2023

**Past Support** 

In all of 2022, supporters contributed

\$360,000+

Including three generous grants totally \$44,370 during the 22-23 fiscal year

**Ongoing Support** 

supporters are contributing

\$15,000+/mo

and \$42,000+ raised in cash donations, pledges, and matching gift contributions at the 2023 Conference!

## Help us to increase our impact It's time to **take action.**

#### Give online

by visiting qchristian.org/take-action.

### Give by mail

to PO Box 409357 - Chicago, IL 60640

Give stock, a legacy gift, or an employee-matched gift.

### Give a Conference Scholarship

by visiting qcfconf.org/register.





### **Donor Affinity Group**

PTA (Parents Taking Action) for parents, siblings, and other family members of LGBTQ+ children supporting Q Christian

Volunteer Support Opportunities
Share your UNCHANGED story.
Become a Community Group Leader.
Host a donor gathering.
Get involved with the Board.
Serve at Conference.

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