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Dear Friends and Fellowship Partners,

update august 2024

I first heard about Portland Fellowship over thirty years ago. I barely knew what they did, but I knew it served a population that needed the love of Christ. The World offered worse than no hope—it offered only lies and confusion. For the most part, churches didn't know how to minister to those struggling with same-sex attraction. Yet, as I learned more about the ministry at PF, I could see that they were offering real hope. They represented Christ to those who perhaps couldn't find it anywhere else.

In those early days, I'd have occasional conversations with Phil Hobizal or Jason Thompson; or, my wife and I would attend one of their conferences to learn about the homosexual struggle, some of the root causes, and the healing and hope that Christ was offering through the ministry of Portland Fellowship. I was privileged to hear the God-glorifying testimony of those who were literally rescued from their struggle. As the years went by and I remained an engaged supporter, I saw over and over again how lives were being transformed and how Portland Fellowship was leading the church by example: showing how to love with truth and grace.

Many years ago, I was asked to consider joining the Board of Directors, and though I didn't know what I could offer, I was honored to be a small part of what God was accomplishing. I served several terms and then continued on as a supporter until this year, when I again joined the Board.

Portland Fellowship has remained such a faithful beacon of God's mercy while the World has slid further into confusion and darkness, and become even more hostile to the hopeful message that Christ proclaims through PF. Sadly, many churches today are also becoming closed to the message of God's ability to heal, transform, and redeem unwanted same-sex attraction and gender confusion.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are one of the privileged few who are offered the opportunity to participate in what God is accomplishing in that beautiful old house in Southeast Portland, Oregon! You get to hear and read authentic testimonies of rescue, triumph, and grace. If you have cried out to God to save you from your own sin and brokenness, and found Him running to meet you with open arms, then you know the joy and relief experienced by participants at Portland Fellowship who hear for the first time that God welcomes and forgives them, offers them a better way, and leads them with wise and gracious counselors beside them. And for those of us who are recently having to navigate a loved one's gay or trans identity, we're privileged to glean from PF's Hope Group participants and their testimonies of relating to LGBTQ-identified loved ones with both truth and grace.



Eric is a member of the
PF Board of Directors.

"He has sent me to bind
up the brokenhearted, to
proclaim liberty to captives,
and freedom to prisoners."

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I pray that you experience the blessing of partnering with PF! Our Fellowship Partners (regular monthly supporters) are the backbone of God's provision for this ministry. Having a steady stream of income enables Portland Fellowship to focus on discipling hurting men, women, and families, instead of spending time on fundraising efforts. Fellowship Partners also receive special behind-the-scenes updates, testimonies and prayer requests that aren't always shared publicly.

As PF looks to the future, their video teachings, program websites and social media platforms will all need updates and improvements. To help fund these projects, the PF staff & Board are prayerfully asking God to provide thirty new Fellowship Partners by the end of 2024, which would bring us to 100 total monthly Fellowship Partners (of varying donation amounts). **Would you prayerfully contemplate joining PF's monthly support team?** To sign up, please visit: www.portlandfellowship.com/support.php (We've also enclosed a promotional card that you can share with someone who might feel led to support the Lord's transforming work at PF.)

Once again, thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and support of the important ministry that God is doing through Portland Fellowship. We love and appreciate you very much.

In Christ,
Eric Murfitt
Eric Murfitt
PF Board Member

*To view an example
of the kinds of
updates Fellowship
Partners receive:



www.vimeo.com/951758977/291b591283?share=copy

Summer 2024: In-Person Hope Group



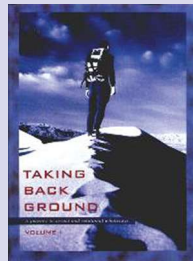
The Hope Group will be meeting in-person the second Friday of the month in August & September. Join us at the PF house for dinner, testimonies, and prayer. To RSVP:

www.portlandfellowship.com/rsvp.php

Fall 2024: Taking Back Ground & Hope Group

We are currently accepting applications for our 2024-25 Taking Back Ground & Hope Group discipleship programs. TBG is for men and women struggling with unwanted SSA/gender confusion, and we also have a group for wives. Hope Group is for friends & family of gay and trans-identified loved ones. We are offering both in-person and Zoom group options.

To register, visit www.portlandfellowship.com or call us here in the office, 503-235-6364.



events calendar

august 9

In-Person Hope Group

Join us for a night of food, testimonies, sharing, & prayer for our LGBTQ-identified loved ones.
6:30pm

portlandfellowship.com/rsvp.php

august 11

KathyGrace Speaking

PF's Women & Transgender Ministry leader, Kathy Grace, will be sharing at Revolution Church in Portland, OR.

august 24

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KathyGrace will speak at Living Stones Ministry's "Unwavering Hope Conference" in Anaheim, CA.

Speakers and personal support can be arranged through the office.

Check website for additional updates at www.portlandfellowship.com

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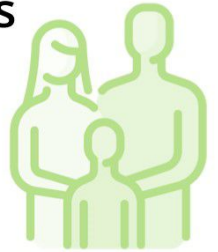
THE PROBLEM:

The Church struggles to offer transformational hope for

Same-Sex
Attracted &
Gender-Confused
Christians



Family & Friends
with LGBTQ-
Identified
Loved Ones



THE SOLUTION:

To offer Christ-centered redemption by

Discipling

Christians toward
sexual & relational
wholeness in
Christ

Supporting

family &
friends to
respond with
truth & grace

Equipping

the body of Christ
with powerful
testimonies &
resources

LEARN:

Visit the [Portland Fellowship](#) website to discover how God transforms, heals, and restores lives.



PARTNER:

We invite you to become a [Fellowship Partner](#) and join us as we offer transformational hope and support.

