



PORTLAND
fellowship

Dear Friends,

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“For the world is changing: I feel it in the water, I feel it in the earth, and I smell it in the air.” (Tolkien, *The Return of the King*)

Portland Fellowship has been around for more than thirty-five years, which is a miracle in today’s culture. In the early days, there was just a humble support group of men and women hungry for the love and grace of Jesus. These brave individuals dared to hope that God could transform them as they submitted their unwanted struggles with homosexuality to Him. Early support looked like phone calls, group meetings, and tape recordings of teachings.

Eventually, as the founding director, Phil Hobizal, shepherded the growing non-profit ministry, Portland Fellowship developed specific lessons to walk people through an intentional discipleship process, and the Taking Back Ground curriculum was born. As the years progressed, Executive Director Jason Thompson brought PF into the digital age with programs like The Map CD-ROM, Reach Truth, Taking Back Ground Online, and www.pfhope.com for family & friends. These resources allowed hundreds more Christians around the world to find support and healing in their sexual and relational struggles.



In fact, it was actually Reach Truth that I myself connected with, when I was on the mission field and searching for online resources for my unwanted SSA. Even in a different country, I was able to begin my healing journey with Portland Fellowship, which eventually led me here to Portland. God is so good!

As I’ve been on staff at PF now for over ten years, I’ve learned a lot about the different ways the Lord has provided for this ministry. Early on, key partnerships with local churches like Hinson Baptist were crucial—they offered meeting space for Portland Fellowship, and eventually sold us the building we occupy today! As PF grew, more churches began supporting us as missionaries. Non-profit grants and special fundraisers were also utilized, and eventually PF was blessed with some extremely generous donors who offered matching grant campaigns and large one-time gifts.

Through all of these different resources, one key type of support has remained constant: the faithful, sacrificial giving of our monthly partners. These are regular, hard-working Christians who’ve chosen to give to the Lord by supporting Portland Fellowship and the ministry God does through PF, which wouldn’t be possible without them.

This brings us to today. As I’m sure you can relate, the world around us is rapidly changing, and here at Portland Fellowship we are trying to navigate the shifting landscape that’s before us. Our church partnerships are dwindling. Whether it’s due to dying

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

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congregations and budgets, or a progressive change in theology that no longer agrees with the ministry of transformation at PF, the reality is, we have far fewer churches supporting PF today than we did twenty years ago. Additionally, we are incredibly grateful for our large donors, generous one-time givers, and matching grant campaign contributors, yet these too have declined over the years.

And so, we come to our monthly donors. A few years back, we launched our Fellowship Partners program to highlight these special supporters. Fellowship Partners are regular supporters of PF, and they get access to special video updates and prayer requests from PF staff and leaders. We truly rely on the faithful, sacrificial giving of these amazing donors.

In full transparency, we need more monthly Fellowship Partners to offset the decline in previous one-time large donations. We want to develop new resources that can better reach Gen Z/Gen Alpha, provide additional support for struggling parents, and strengthen our connections with local churches, but we can't achieve these goals without more Fellowship Partners. Specifically, we are praying for an increase of about \$30,000 annually (\$2,500/month) in our monthly giving. This would be possible if we add twenty-five new monthly partners giving \$100/month, or fifty new partners giving \$50/month.

If you've been encouraged by the ministry of Portland Fellowship, benefitted from our programs or newsletter, or want to see the Lord continue transforming those struggling with unwanted SSA and gender confusion, we want to ask:

- If you haven't already, would you prayerfully consider becoming a monthly Fellowship Partner with us?
- If you are already a regular giver, would you pray and consider increasing your giving?
- And if you were once a monthly donor, but had to stop your support, would you pray about becoming a Fellowship Partner again?

We would be so grateful for any amount the Lord lays on your heart. Every little bit helps! We've also enclosed a flyer that we encourage you to share with those you know who might be open to supporting this transformational ministry.

Regardless of how much you're able to give, we want to thank you for your prayers and encouragement. We can feel your prayers empowering us in this culture that is increasingly hostile to Biblical sexuality and Gospel transformation. Thank you for standing with us, and for sharing our programs with your friends, family, pastors, and churches. We are truly honored to have you partner with us as we walk alongside the broken and hurting, and watch Jesus transform hearts and minds.

In Christ,



Patrick Silvis
Program Manager

For more Fellowship Partner
information & registration:



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events calendar

tuesdays in October Taking Back Ground

Discipleship for Christians
struggling with unwanted SSA/
gender confusion.
6-8:30pm PST on Zoom

tuesdays in October Hope Group

Support for friends & family of
LGBTQ-identified loved ones.
Both on Zoom & In-Person

Speakers and personal support
can be arranged through the office.

For additional updates:
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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.

