

# Affirmation: the Gay and Lesbian Mormons records, 1977-2010

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Affirmation: Gay and Lesbian Mormons
<b>Title</b>	Affirmation: the Gay and Lesbian Mormons records
<b>Dates</b>	1977-2010 (inclusive) 1977 2010
<b>Quantity</b>	6.75 linear feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	ACCN 1867
<b>Summary</b>	The Affirmation: the Gay and Lesbian Mormons records (1977-2010) contain correspondence, conference materials, flyers, programs, brochures, newsletters, and news clippings, most dealing with the Affirmation organization. Affirmation is a non-profit organization formed in 1977 and serves members of the LDS Church by holding conferences, workshops, programs, and publishing newsletters all over the United States. Other organizations represented in the records include the Gamofites (Gay Mormon Fathers) and the Family Fellowship Organization.
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<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

The Affirmation organization (formed in 1977) is a non-profit that serves Gay and Lesbian members and former members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) by holding conferences, workshops, programs, and publishing a number of newsletters all over the United States.

## Content Description

The Affirmation: Gay and Lesbian Mormons records (1977-2004) contain correspondence, conference materials, flyers, programs, brochures, newsletters, and news clippings. Most of the records primarily

deal with Affirmation, as well as the Gamofites (derived from Gay Mormon Fathers) and the Family Fellowship Organization.

The first addendum (1985-2000) contains correspondence, transcripts of e-mail messages, a petition, a handbook, by-laws, newsletters, articles, essays, and other publications regarding the Affirmation organization. This information pertains to boxes 4-5 of the records.

The second addendum (1977-2000) contains correspondence, financial and organizational materials, newsletters, and other documents pertaining to the Gay and Lesbian Mormons. This information pertains to boxes 6-11 of the records.

The third addendum (1978-2004) contains correspondence, financial statements, minutes of meetings, pamphlets, and membership statements. These documents are in relationship to the Los Angeles Chapter of Affirmation and are found in box 12.

The fourth addendum (2006-2010) contains copies of *Affinity*, a monthly Affirmation newsletter. These materials are found in box 12 folders 20-21 and in box 13.

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## Processing Note

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## General Materials

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Correspondence	1994-2001
1	2	Affirmation, Organization Information, History, and Conference Materials	1995-1998
1	3	"Different Dimensions of Gay Fatherhood"	1999
1	4	Family Fellowship, Pamphlets and Flyers	
1	5	Flyers	1998
1	6	Programs and Brochures	1996-1997
1	7	Newsclippings	

## Newsletters

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	1	Advent	1995
2	2-9	Affinity	1992-1999

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2 10	Affirmation, Chapter at Large	1996
2 11	Affirmation, Arizona Chapter	1993-1998
2 12	Affirmation, Las Vegas Chapter	1996-1998
2 13	Affirmation, Los Angeles Chapter	1994
2 14	Affirmation, Orange County and Long Beach Chapter	1994-1995
2 15	Affirmation, New York City Chapter	1998
2 16	Affirmation, San Diego Chapter	1993-1994
2 17	Affirmation, San Francisco Chapter	1993-1997
2 18-21	Affirmation, Wasatch Chapter	1991-2001
2 22-23	Affirmation, Washington, D.C., Chapter	1993-1998
3 1	Flamingo News	1989
3 2-3	Gamofite News	1995-2000
3 4	Gotham Gazette	1995
3 5	The Great Lakes Beacon	1992
3 6-7	The Open Closet	1994-2000
3 8-10	Reflections	1994-2000
3 11	Reunion: The Family Fellowship Newsletter	1994-2000
3 12	Theocentric	1993-1995

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4 1	Alan Blodgett, Correspondence	1995
4 2	E-Mail Transcripts	1995
4 3	Affirmation, General Charter and By-Laws	1998
4 4	Affirmation	General Handbook
4 5	Affirmations: A Select Anthology of Writings for Gay and Lesbian Mormons	1985
4 6	Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Public Referral Directory	1996
4 7	Petition This folder contains a petition to the general authorities of the LDS Church from gay and lesbian Mormons, their parents, and other family members and friends regarding church policies.	

## Various Publications

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
5 1	Kathleen Baoatwright, "The Dilemma of the Lesbian/Gay Family"	
5 2	"Decisions of the Soul,"	1995
5 3	Cloy Jenkins, Prologue: An Examination of the Mormon Attitude towards Homosexuality	1989
5 4	Jeffrey R. Jensen, "Fabricating Then Treating a Mental Illness: A Critique of the So-Called 'Reparative Therapies,'" Outline	1998
5 5-8	James Kent, "Philly News," Volumes 2-5	1994-1998
5 9	Alan David Lach, Homosexuality and Scripture	1988-1989

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5 10	Mac Madsen, "The Pernicious Nature of Homophobia"	
5 11	New Direction	
5 12	Robert A. Rees, "In a Dark Time the Eye Begins to See,"	2000
5 13	Walter Lee Szymanski, "Ministry with the Lesbian/Gay Community"	

## Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
6 1	Affinity	1995-1996
6 2	Cornerstone	1996-1998
6 3	Dialogue	1981-1982
6 4	General Correspondence	1995-1998
6 5	Q-Saints	1995-1996
6 6	Email Reponses	1996-1997
6 7	Renewal Forms	
6 8-9	Addresses	1995-1999

## Organizational Materials

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
7	Financial Documents	1995-1998
	Folder	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 1	By-Laws	1985-1992
8 2	Constitution	
8 3	General Handbook	
8 4	Meeting Minutes and Literature	1985-1986
8 5	General Council	1985-1986
8 6	Subcommittee on Homosexuality	1981
8 7	Affirmation History	1977-1981
8 8	Homosexual Orientation	1981
8 9	Public Relations and Education	1987-1990
8 10	H.E.L.P. (Homsexual Education for Latter-day Saint Parents)	1984-1986
8 11	Business Cards	
8 12	Forms	
8 13-14	Leadership	1997-1998
8 15	Chapter-at-large	1986
8 16	New Inquiries	1985
8 17	Affirmation Lists	1995-1997
8 18	Literature	1980-1988
8 19	Newsclipping and Articles	1978-1998

## Group Chapters

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
9	1	Arizona Chapter	1986-1987
9	2	Colorado Chapter	1996
9	3-4	Gamofites	1995-1996
9	5	Las Vegas Chapter	1998
9	6	Los Angeles Chapter	1986-1995
9	7	New York Chapter	1986
9	8	Northwest Gamofites	1998
9	9	San Diego Chapter	1986-1987
9	10	San Francisco Chapter	1983-1987
9	11	San Francisco Gamofites	1994-1998
9	12	Utah Gamofites, 1992-1998	
9	13	Wasatch Affirmation	1986-2000
9	14	Sunstone	1984-1985
9	15	Black Mountain Campground	1985
9	16	Family Home Evening Topics	
9	17	Luncheon	1998
9	18	Palm Springs	1979-1985
9	19	"Reno Bugle"	1989
9	20	Miscellaneous Documents	1988

## Conferences



Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
10	1	National Conference	1986-1997
10	2	National Affirmation Conference	1994-1995
10	3	General Conference	1988
10	4	Seattle Conference	1994-1997
10	5	Palm Springs Conference	1995-1997
10	6	Leadership Conference	1997
10	7	Affirmation Conference	1998
10	8-9	Conference	1998
10	10	Phoenix Conference	1998
10	11	"Everything's Coming up Roses," Gamofite Retreat	1999

## Newsletters

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
11	1-8	"Affinity"	1981-1998
11	9	"Affirmation"	1995-2000
11	10	"Flamingo"	1988
11	11	"Gamofite News"	1998
11	12	"Gotham Gazette"	1995
11	13	"New Direction"	Numbers 1-10
11	14	"The Open Closet"	1997

Container(s)		Description	Dates
11	15	"Reflections"	1995-1997
11	16	"Reunion"	1997-1999
11	17	"Wasatch Affirmation"	1997

## General Materials

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
12	1	Correspondence Correspondence regarding meetings, revisions of the constitution, and membership.	1983-1985
12	2	Financial Statements Los Angeles chapter monthly and yearly financial expenditures.	1981-1984
12	3	Affirmation Constitution Los Angeles chapter constitution which addresses the organizations purpose, membership, legislation, by laws, and the appointment or removal of officers.	1984
12	4	Minutes of Meetings Includes schedules, topics of discussion, and number attended.	1982-1985
12	5	Agenda Schedules for board meetings.	1984-1985
12	6	Board and Committee Members Names, addresses, and phone numbers.	1984
12	7	Membership Statement A tally of members and the number of individuals and organizations that receive Affinity newsletters.	1984
12	8	Official Ballots Election of five members for the Los Angeles Chapter Board of Directors.	1984
12	9	Officer Meeting Notes	1983

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		Handwritten administrative notes.	
12	10	Affinity Newsletters Monthly newsletters issued by Affirmation committee members.	2003-2004
12	11	Program 20th Annual International Conference held in Portland, Oregon.	1998
12	12	Pamphlets Affirmation issued pamphlets that discuss Mormon attitudes towards homosexuality and excommunication. Folder also contains an anthology of writings by gay and lesbian Mormons.	1978-1985
12	13	Photos A collection of cropped photos from yearly conferences.	1999-2001
12	14	Affirmation Business Card	
12	15	Gay 800 National toll free gay information.	1984
12	16	A Plea to Seek Revelation on Homosexuality and Let Our Light Shine	
12	17	Newspaper Clippings Articles in relationship to homosexuals and the LDS Church.	1984-2003
12	18	Affinity Masters	2004-2005
12	19	<i>Unto All Peoples</i> and Other Publications of The Restoration Church of Jesus Christ	1988-1995
12	20	Affinity Newsletters	2006
12	21	Affinity Newsletters	2007
12	22	Affinity Newsletters	2008
13	1	Affinity Newsletters	2009

Container(s)	Description	Dates
13 2	Affinity Newsletters	2010
13 3	Affinity: The First 22 Years	1980-2002

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Homosexuality--Religious aspects--Mormon Church  
Mormon gays

### Corporate Names :

Affirmation: Gay and Lesbian Mormons--Archives

### Form or Genre Terms :

Brochures  
Clippings  
Correspondence  
Newsletters  
Programs

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