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#### **Church of the Redeemer**

Anglican Church of Canada 162 Bloor Street West Toronto ON M5S 1M4

theredeemer.ca/trans

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#### NOTE

- In carrying out their ministry responsibilities, Anglican clergy are strictly limited to providing pastoral care and appropriate referrals.
- This document does not include psychiatric services and facilities; nor does it list individual practitioners such as social workers, psychotherapists, medical doctors, or psychiatrists.
- Faith communities included here are ones which have actively sought dialogue with the compiler of this document. Additions to the list are warmly welcome! See below for contact information.

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> > theredeemer.ca/trans

# Toronto District School Board: Gender-Based Violence Prevention (GBVP)

#### tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Gender-Based-Violence-Prevention

The GBVP staff work to promote healthy relationships and safe environments in schools. Their core function is to prevent and address gender-based violence, homophobia, transphobia, sexual harassment, and inappropriate behaviour by students towards other students in schools, and they offer social work support to students and families. They also implement violence prevention programs and plans throughout the Board. **Contact Info** Ilana.david@tdsb.on.ca

#### Toronto Public Library www.tpl.ca

**The Pride Collection** 

As of 2019, the Pride Collection is the largest circulating 2SLGBTQ+ collection in Canada, featuring some 3500 adult, teen and children's titles in multiple formats and genres/subjects: history, gender studies, arts, health. A dedicated team of selectors maintains and develops the collection. Programming is both online and in person, and includes a book club, author talks, story times, movie nights and more. While there are 2SLGBTQ+ materials available at every branch in the city, the most complete collection is held at Yorkville Branch.

Location22 Yorkville Avenue, Toronto ON M4W 1L4Contact Info416-393-7660

identity. Information below is for Toronto Pflag; find your local chapter on the Pflag Canada website.

Location200 Wolverleigh Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1S2Contact Info416-406-1727; office@pflagtoronto.org ; 1-888-530-6777<br/>(Canada); info@pflagcanada.ca

#### Senior Pride Network (Toronto)

#### seniorpridenetwork.ca

The Senior Pride Network Toronto is a volunteer-run association of intergenerational individuals, organizations and community groups that share an interest in and commitment to expanding programs and services for older two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, queer and intersex people in the City of Toronto. The Network meets quarterly to share experiences and to work collaboratively on activities and projects designed to enhance services for older 2SLGBTQI+ people. The Network's Advisory Committee, elected by members, meets monthly to

advise on the priorities, strategic direction and work plan of the Network.

Location Community Centre, 519 Church Street Toronto ON M4Y 2C9

Contact Info spntoronto@gmail.com

#### SPRINT LGBTQ

#### sprintseniorcare.org

Sprint Senior Care cares for seniors, including LGBTQI+ seniors, by providing a wide range of programming and educational resources of various kinds as an accredited not-for-profit community support services agency. SPRINT offers a wide range of practical and low-cost services to seniors and their caregivers.

Location140 Merton Street, Suite 600, Toronto, ON M4S 1A1Contact Info416-481-6411; info@sprintseniorcare.org

#### **Trans PULSE**

#### transpulsecanada.ca

The Trans Pulse Canada team is a large group of community and academic researchers from across Canada. The majority of the team members are themselves trans and others are family and allies. Together they bring more than 180 person-years of experience on more than 80 community-based research studies, many of them in trans health, as well as years of experience working on trans and non-binary advocacy. **Contact Info** 1-844-972-6772; info@transpulsecanada.ca

## TRANSGENDER PROGRAMS

#### The 519

# The 519 is a proud City of Toronto agency committed to the health, happiness and full participation of the 2SLGBTQ+ communities. Transrelated programs and services as of January 2023 include:

- FTM, Transmasc & Non-binary Support Group
- Meal Trans
- ODE: Remembered Voices, a two-spirit indigenous group for youth 16 to 25 years old
- Senior Pride Network
- TPOC Friendly Check-In
- Trans Youth Mentorship Program (TYMP)
- Trans People of Colour Project (TPOC)
- Trans ID clinic
- Transition support

Location519 Church Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C9Contact Info416-392-6874; info@the519.orgPeopleYasmeen Persad, Coordinator, Trans Programs;<br/>Carl Kannegiesser, Manager, Meal Trans

#### Sherbourne Health

#### sherbourne.on.ca

Sherbourne Health offers a wide range of primary healthcare programs and services to Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and non-binary individuals with the goal of providing dignified, non-judgmental services to help clients feel better, cope better with day-to-day challenges and address specific 2SLGBTQ+ health issues. Groups and services as of January 2023 include Gender Journeys; Gender Joy; Mature Trans Sisters (MTS); Supporting Our Youth (SOY) groups for queer and trans spectrum youth aged 14 to 29; Trans Surgical Self-Care. Primary care providers have specific expertise in addressing the physical, mental and emotional needs of 2SLGBTQ+ people and their families.

Location	333 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, ON M5A 2S5
<b>Contact Info</b>	416-324-4103; info@sherbourne.on.ca; Rainbow Health
	Ontario 416-324-4100;
	SOY Program Coordinator 647-730-3299
People	Nadjib Alamyer, Program Manager,
_	2SLGBTQ+ communities 416-324-4100

#### the519.org

## Women's College Hospital (WCH): Transition-Related Surgeries womenscollegehospital.ca

WCH, along with a group of committed individuals from the community, has partnered with Sherbourne Health, Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO), and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to form the Trans Health Expansion Partnership (THEx). THEx supports the expansion of health services for trans individuals and communities across Ontario. As of 2023, WCH has launched Canada's first national center dedicated to integrated sex, gender and reproductive health services, including surgery, focusing on safe, inclusive care for women and for trans, gender-diverse, or intersex individuals across their lifespan.

Location76 Grenville Street, Toronto, ON M5S 1B2Contact Infotransitionrelatedsurgery@wchospital.ca; 416-323-6148



## EMERGENCY/CRISIS CARE

#### **Covenant House**

#### covenanthousetoronto.ca

Covenant House Toronto is the largest agency in Canada serving youth who are homeless, trafficked or at risk.

Location20 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5B 2P3Contact Info416-598-4898

#### **Distress Centers of Greater Toronto**

#### dcogt.com

24-hour support for those in crisis, at risk for suicide and needing emotional support. Translation services offered.

**Distress Line Number** 416-408-4357; text 45645

rights and inclusion through research, education, awareness and legal advocacy.

Location120 Carlton Street, Suite 217, Toronto, ON M5A 4K2Contact Info416-964-7887

#### **Eshel Toronto**

#### eshelonline.org

A community organization for Orthodox and formerly Orthodox LGBTQIA+ people and their families, including social events, holiday celebrations, and peer support.

## Glad Day Bookshop

gladdaybookshop.com

Glad Day Bookshop is the first queer-focused Canadian bookstore, and the oldest queer bookstore in the world. Serving the LGBTQ+ community since 1970, it offers the widest possible selection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirit, and queer literature, both in and out of print, as well as DVDs, magazines and novelties.

Location499 Church Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C6Contact Info416-901-6600; books@gladday.ca

## Immigration and Refugee

## Legal Clinic for LGBTQ+ Individuals

519 legal

Free over-the-phone and video-based general summary advice for LGBTQ+ refugees and newcomers around refugee-related matters and asylum claims with a focus on sexual orientation and gender identity

Location The 519 Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 2C9

Contact Info 416-392-6874; legalclinic@the519.org

## Pflag <u>torontopflag.org</u>

#### pflagcanada.ca

Pflag Canada is proud to be Canada's only national organization that offers peer-to-peer support striving to help all Canadians with issues of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. They support, educate and provide resources to anyone with questions or concerns. They promise to offer local, practical and emotional peer-to-peer and on-line family support for individuals and their loved ones challenged by gender/sexual

#### St Stephen-in-the-Fields\*

#### saintstephens.ca

Inclusive Safe Space Drop-In Fridays 6 pm to 10 pm; inclusive weekend breakfast programs Saturday and Sunday

Location103 Bellevue Ave Toronto, ON M5T 2N8Contact Info416-526-5438; ststepheninthefields@gmail.com

#### Trinity-St. Paul's United Church (Affirming)

<u>trinitystpauls.ca</u>

Also known as Trinity St. Paul's Centre for Faith, Justice and the ArtsLocation427 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1X7Contact Info416-922-8435 x21



## ADVOCACY, EDUCATION & RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

#### The ArQuives (formerly Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives) arquives.ca

The ArQuives is the largest independent LGBTQ2+ archives in the world, and since 1973 the only LGBTQ2+ archives in Canada with a national scope. The Arquives aspires to be a significant resource and catalyst for those who strive for a future world where LGBTQ2+ people are accepted, valued and celebrated. Its mandate is to acquire, preserve, organize and give public access to information and materials in any medium, by and about LGBTQ2+ people, primarily produced in or concerning Canada, including a collection of queer and trans periodicals.

Location34 Isabella Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 1N1Contact Info416-777-2755; admin@arquives.ca; queeries@arquives.ca

#### Egale Canada

#### egale.ca

Egale's mission is to improve the lives of 2SLGBTQI people in Canada and to enhance the global response to 2SLGBTQI issues. Egale will achieve this by informing public policy, inspiring cultural change, and promoting human

#### Friends of Ruby Drop-In Youth Centre

friendsofruby.ca

Friends of Ruby supports 2SLGBTQIA+ youth aged 16 to 29 by providing free housing, food, physical and mental health services, social connection and community.

Location489 Queen Street East LL01, Toronto, ON M5A 1V1Contact Info416-359-0237; housing@friendsofruby.ca

#### **Gerstein Crisis Centre**

gersteincentre.org

The Centre provides 24-hour community based crisis services for adults 16+ in the City of Toronto. Services include 24/7 telephone support in over 180 languages; in-person mobile crisis team; community support referrals; substance abuse crisis management; follow-up and access to short term crisis beds. All services are free and confidential.

Location100 Charles Street East, Toronto ON M4Y 1V3Crisis Number416-929-5200

### Hassle Free Clinic

#### hasslefreeclinic.org

kidshelpphone.ca

Located in downtown Toronto, the HFC provides free medical and counselling services to trans individuals in many areas of sexual health, including through the Men/Trans and Women/Trans clinics.

Location66 Gerard Street East, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M5B 1G3Contact Info416-922-0566

#### **Kids Help Phone**

#### Always open, KHP provides a safe and trusted place for young people of every age in any moment of crisis or need, including Indigenous young people. It is Canada's only 24/7 mental health service offering free, confidential support to young people in English and French. **Help Line Number** 1-800-668-6868

#### LGBT Youth Line

#### youthline.ca

Youth Line is a toll-free Ontario-wide peer support phone line for 2SLGBTTQI youth. It offers confidential and non-judgemental peer support through telephone, text and chat services. Get in touch with a peer support volunteer from Sunday to Friday, 4 pm to 9:30 pm. Youth Line Number 1-800-268-9688; text 647-694-4275

#### **Mount Sinai Hospital**

#### mountsinai.on.ca

Location 600 University Avenue, Toronto, ON M5G 1X5 Contact Info 416-596-4200; Emergency Dep't 416-586-5054

#### Rainbow Railroad, Toronto

#### rainbowrailroad.org

The mission of the Rainbow Railroad is to help displaced LGBTQI+ individuals escape violence and persecution within their home countries. Location 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 360, Toronto M5V 3A8 Contact Info info@rainbowrailroad.ca

#### St. Joseph's Health Centre unityhealth.to/st-josephs-health-centre

30 The Queensway, Toronto, ON M6R 1B5 Location **Contact Info** 416-530-6000

#### St. Michael's Hospital unityhealth.to/locations/st-michaels-hospital

Location 30 Bond Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1W8 **Contact Info** 416-360-4000

#### **Seniors Safety Line**

#### eapon.ca

The SSL is the only 24-hour crisis and support line for seniors in Ontario who have experienced any type of abuse or neglect. Callers receive emotional support, safety planning, information and referrals in over 150 languages. The SSL is a "senior friendly" service with a live counsellor available to help navigate often difficult systems, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Safety Line Number 1-866-299-1011

#### Sunshine Centres

#### sunshinecentres.com

Sunshine Centres for Seniors serves seniors and persons with disabilities. They strongly support cultural diversity and inclusive participation. Seniors from all walks of life are welcome, including seniors from newcomer and racialized communities and those of all religions, cultures, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

8-1033 Pape Avenue East, East York ON M4K 3W1 Location Contact Info 416-924-3979; info@sunshinecentres.com

#### **Trans Lifeline Peer Support Hotline**

#### translifeline.org

A not-for-profit organization that provides a 24/7 crisis hotline for transgender people, staffed by transgender volunteer operators. Operators

#### Roncesvalles United Church (Affirming)

roncesvallesuc.com

A vibrant Christian community with a priority on LOVE 214 Wright Ave., Toronto, ON M6R 1L3 Location **Contact Info** 416-536-1755; roncesvallesuc@gmail.com

#### Sanctuary

#### sanctuarytoronto.org

Sanctuary is both a church and a community. Guided by the Gospel, the heart and centre of its community are people who are poor and excluded elsewhere. It offers stability, dignity, resources and love through a health clinic, arts program, street outreach and Sunday services.

25 Charles Street East, Toronto, ON M4Y 1R9 Location Contact Info 416-922-0628 x210

#### St. Aidan\*

#### staidansinthebeach.com

stjamessharon.com

siwt.ca

2423 Queen Street East, Toronto ON M4E 1H6 Location 416-691-2222; office@staidansinthebeach.com Contact Info

#### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church standrewstoronto.org

An inclusive community that welcomes all with open hearts and arms of love.

Location 73 Simcoe Street, Toronto ON M5J 1W9 **Contact Info** 416-593-5600; info@standrewstoronto.org

#### St. James the Apostle, Sharon\*

"We Are: A Safe Place" ministry to LGBTQ youth, their families and friends. Meetings on the last Thursday of the month but check the Facebook page for updates: <u>facebook.com/weareasafeplace/</u> 18794 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON L0G 1V0 Location

**Contact Info** 905-478-1959; stjames1959@gmail.com

#### St. John West Toronto\*

#### 288 Humberside Avenue, Toronto, ON M6P 1L5 Location **Contact Info** 416-763-2393; pastor@sjwt.ca

#### St. Matthias, Bellwoods\*

#### saintmatthiasbellwoods.ca

Location 45 Bellwoods Avenue Toronto M6J 3N4 **Contact Info** 416-603-6720; saint.matthias@sympatico.ca

#### St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle\* stpeterstsimon.ca

525 Bloor Street E., Toronto, ON M4W 1J1 Location **Contact Info** 416-923-8714; office@stpeterstsimon.ca

#### Holy Trinity (Trinity Square)\*

#### holytrinitytoronto.org

Location19 Trinity Square, Toronto, ON M5G 1B1Contact Info416-598-4521

#### Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto (MCC)mcctoronto.com

A vibrant, inclusive and progressive spiritual community and a renowned human rights centre.

Location115 Simpson Avenue, Toronto, ON M4K 1A1Contact Info416-406-MCCT (6228); info@mcctoronto.com

#### Manor Road United Church (Affirming)manorroadunitedchurch.com

Location240 Manor Road East, TorontoON M4S 1R8Contact Info416-483-0695

#### Masjid al Farooq Islamic Centre

#### masjidfarooq.com

Location935 Eglinton Avenue West, Mississauga, ON L5V 1R6Contact Info905-858-7586 (currently under construction)

#### Metropolitan United Church (Affirming)

#### metunited.org

An Affirming Congregation welcoming everyone, inclusive of age, ethnicity, gender identity, ability and sexual orientation

Location56 Queen Street East, Toronto ON M5C 2Z3Contact Info416-363-0331; office@metunited.ca

#### Parroquia San Esteban\*

#### sanestebanonline.com

Worship service in Spanish

Location10 Trinity Square, Toronto, ON M5G 1B1Contact Info647-938-1684; iglesiastesteban@hotmail.comTrans-Esteban Group Drop-In: www.trans-anglican.blogspot.ca

#### The Redeemer Toronto\*

#### theredeemer.ca

Community outreach includes The Common Table (CT), a grassroots community effort that offers meal service (from the front door or inside), gender-neutral washroom and phone access, daily toiletry supplies, basic health care services and housing referrals. Outreach carts go into the neighbourhood to reach those who need help. CT also provides social and creative activities, psychotherapy, support groups and more.

Location162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4Contact Info416-922-4948

are located all over Canada and the US, subject to volunteer availability. Hotline Number 1-877-330-6366 (Canada); 1-877-565-8860 (US)

#### **YMCA Youth Shelters**

#### ymcagta.org/youth-programs-new/youth-housing

The YMCA has been providing houseing and shelter fot at-risk youth for decades. Whether it's family problems, trouble with the law, or just being locked out of the house, the Y will help you stay safe and warm, and get you the help that you need. Gender is self-identified, and both the Wagner Green YMCA (shelter) and Sprott House (residence) are trans-positive spaces.

Location 2200 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4S 2C6 (YMCA offices) Contact Info 647-438-8383



## GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES (GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCES)

#### gsanetwork.org

#### A Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a student-initiated and student-run A Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) is a student-initiated and student-run student club. GSAs provide a safe, supportive environment for students of diverse genders and sexualities to meet, discuss sexual orientation and gender identity issues, and form community. Participating students may identify as two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, pansexual, non-binary (2SLGBTQ+) and many other identities. While each GSA is unique, there is never an expectation that students disclose their sexual or gender identity. For more information, please contact your local school board.

Contact Info Toronto District School Board 416-397-3000

#### tdsb.on.ca

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## TRANS-FRIENDLY FAITH COMMUNITIES

As a result of COVID-19, many faith communities are still offering services online as well as in person. Please contact each location for the details.

Anglican churches are marked with an asterisk (\*). For a complete listing of Affirming (United) Churches located within the boundaries of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, please check affirmunited.ause.ca/ontario. All communities listed offer gender inclusiveness, a safe space and spiritual respect and support, while some provide specific programming.

All Saints Church-Community Centre\*

#### allsaintstoronto.com

Sunday service of Holy Communion at 11 am; Wednesday Morning Prayer 7.30 am. Drop-ins MTTh 8.30-2.30 pm; W 10.30-3 pm

Location315 Dundas Street E, Toronto M5A 2A2Contact Info416-368-7768; admin@allsaintstoronto.com

#### All Saints Peterborough\*

#### allsaintspeterborough.org

Location235 Rubidge Road, Peterborough, ON K9J 3N9Contact Info705-876-1501; pastor@allsaintspeterborough.org

#### Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am

#### bethdavid.com

Location55 Yeomans Road, Toronto ON M3H 3J7Contact Info416-633-5500; info@bethdavid.com

#### Beth Tzedec Congregation

#### beth-tzedec.org

bbuc.ca

Location 1700 Bathurst Street, York, ON M5P 3K3 Contact Info 416-781-3511;

#### Birchcliff Bluffs United Church (Affirming)

Location33 East Road, Scarborough, ON M1N 1Z9Contact Info416-694-4081Dorothy's Place drop-in for 2SLGBTQ+ older adults

Contact Info 416-694-4081; dorothysplace4u@gmail.com

#### Cathedral Church of St. James\*

stjamescathedral.ca

Community outreach programs; drop-in; health and foot clinic; refugee support

Location106 King Street East, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9Contact Info416-364-7865; info@stjamescathedral.ca

#### Church of the Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale\*

epiphanyandstmark.ca

Location201 Cowan Avenue, Toronto, ON M6K 2N7Contact Info416-535-8240; epiphanyandstmark@gmail.com

Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood\* trinityguildwood.org

Location85 Livingston Road, Toronto, ON M1E1K7Contact Info416-261-9503

#### Church of the Incarnation\*

cotitoronto.com

Location15 Clairtrell Road, Toronto, ON M2N 5J7Contact Info416-221-7516; incarnation@toronto.anglican.ca

Church of the Transfiguration\* churchofthetransfiguration.ca

Location111 Manor Road East, Toronto,ON M4S 1R4Contact Info416-489-7798; office@churchofthetransfiguration.ca

#### **Congregation Darchei Noam**

#### darcheinoam.ca

Inclusive, egalitarian and welcoming Reconstructionist congregationLocation864 Shepppard Avenue West, North York, ON M3H 2T5Contact Info416-638-4783

#### **Congregation Shir Libeynu**

#### shirlibeynu.ca

Toronto's longest running, intentionally LGBTQ+ inclusive synagogueLocation750 Spadina Ave., #122, Toronto, ON M5S 2J2Contact Info416-465-5488

#### Danforth Jewish Circle (DJC)

djctoronto.com

Joyous, inclusive, accessible, inspiring, and musical Location 310 Danforth Ave., Toronto, ON M4K 1N6 (home) Contact Info 416-580-6303

#### **Holy Blossom Temple**

holyblossom.org

Location1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto, ON M5P 3K9Contact Info416-789-3291; templemail@holyblossom.org