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## WHO WE ARE...

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International, Inc. is a non-profit support organization. We minister to the spiritual, emotional, social, and physical well-being of current and former Seventh-day Adventists who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex individuals and their families and friends. Kinship facilitates and promotes the understanding and affirmation of LGBTI Adventists among themselves and within the Seventh-day Adventist community through education, advocacy, and reconciliation. Kinship is a global organization which supports the advance of human rights for all people worldwide.

Founded in 1976 the organization was incorporated in 1981 and is recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the United States. Kinship has a board made up of thirteen officers. There are also regional and population coordinators in specific areas. The current list of members and friends includes approximately 2,500 people in more than forty-three countries.

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship believes the Bible does not condemn or even mention homosexuality as a sexual orientation. Ellen G. White does not parallel any of the Bible texts that are used to condemn homosexuals. Most of the anguish imposed upon God's children who grow up as LGBTI has its roots in the misunderstanding of what the Bible says.



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- Find a Gay Friendly Church
- *Homosexuality: Can We Talk About It?*
- *Living Eden's Gifts*
- Previous *Connection* issues
- ... and more.

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## SUPPORT KINSHIP

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship operates primarily on contributions from its members and friends. Help us reach out to more LGBTI Adventists by making a tax-deductible donation to Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International. Please send your check or money order to SDA Kinship Int'l, PO Box 244, Orinda, CA 94563 or donate securely online at [sdakinship.org](http://sdakinship.org). (You can also donate using your Visa or MasterCard by contacting [treasurer@sdakinship.org](mailto:treasurer@sdakinship.org). You will be phoned so that you can give your credit card information in a safe manner.)

## RESOURCES

- [www.someone-to-talk-to.net](http://www.someone-to-talk-to.net)
  - [www.buildingsafeplaces.org](http://www.buildingsafeplaces.org)
  - [www.itgetsbetterforadventists.org](http://www.itgetsbetterforadventists.org)
  - [www.sgamovie.com](http://www.sgamovie.com)
  - [www.facebook.com/sdakinship](https://www.facebook.com/sdakinship)
- ... and more

# **KINSHIP** North Texas

At the urging of local members, the North Texas Chapter of Region 5 planned a Saturday night evening of fellowship. What is better than haystacks and all the fixings? Thanks to Obed and Anthony for opening their home to us (again). With 23 folks in attendance, there were many opportunities to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones. It was decided to have a quarterly meeting that is planned in advance and folks can put it on their calendars. In between larger meetings, we created a Facebook group for those living in the area of the local chapter and members can post their activities and invite others to join them...dinner, church, movies, local events, etc. We look forward to having those who couldn't join us for this meeting to join us for future activities.

## Blessings 2015



### Hedren

In mid-July, we found a lump on our German shepherd's rear leg. We had the lump biopsied. It was cancerous. Two weeks after Eva's surgery to remove the lump, we were informed that the tumor was a low-grade type and there were good margins from the excision. No further chemo or radiation was needed. We're grateful to God and the surgeons that all the cancer was removed. This is a picture of Eva a few weeks after the surgery.

### Scott Allen

I want to give thanks to God for bringing Aaron to me, for connecting me to Kinship, for helping me leave Oroville and survive in the big city, and for reconnecting with former friends, and creating new friendships. Kinship is a fantastic community which has helped and will continue to help numerous peoples. Finally, thanks to being able to enjoy the beauty of life given to me, and sharing it with those that mean so much to me.

### Elvys Pereria

2015 has been the best year of my life so far. I have finally overcome some major issues of my life, decided to take a new path (which is going for a program in an architecture school in my state), and I have met the most amazing man who has taught me to be a better person with lessons of pure love. I am forever thankful to Kinship for their work and their support towards our community; and I wish you all a very gay, rich, and healthy 2016! Love from the Northeast Coast of Brazil!

### Miles

I have too many blessings to enumerate; but, throughout my life, I hit some rough places and thought the world was coming to an end. But today I am happy and I know that I am just where God wants me to be.

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