

Reclaiming Our Stories: Exploring LGBTQ- Friendly Bible Stories

March 2-4, 2018

(Friday evening through Sunday noon)

Registration

Visit www.pendlehill.org,
or call Ext. 137 at 610-566 4507
or 800-742-3150 (toll-free in US)

Accommodations

Private room \$ 180
Shared room \$ 150
Commute \$ 100

Fee covers food, lodging, and program

**If you need financial assistance,
please complete our online
Financial Assistance Application**

Travel

Pendle Hill is just fifteen minutes from
Philadelphia International Airport, and
thirty minutes outside the city.

The campus is near the Wallingford train
station. Take the SEPTA Media/Elwyn line
from Philadelphia and call for a pick-up.

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Join performance artist and Bible scholar **Peterson Toscano** for a weekend workshop exploring gender and sexuality in Bible stories. While the Bible has been used by some to harm others, there are potential peaceful interpretations of the ancient texts, including those that support LGBTQ lives. Using a variety of methods, traditional and creative, participants will study, discuss, and explore Bible stories. In order to disrupt, trouble, and undermine the negative influence of anti-LGBTQ readings of the text, workshop participants will unearth sexual and gender minorities in Bible stories. Through thoughtful and playful exercises and discussions, these stories and characters will come to life.



Peterson Toscano's unique personal journey led him to performance art. After spending 17 years and over \$30,000 on three continents attempting to de-gay himself through gay conversion therapy, he came to his senses and came out a quirky queer Quaker concerned with human rights and comedy. He asks himself and his audiences unusual questions: Who are the gender outlaws in the Bible? What is a queer response to climate change?

How can comedy help us better understand our most tragic losses? Peterson created *Transfigurations—Transgressing Gender in the Bible*, a performance lecture that reveals gender non-conforming characters. He uses theater, comedy, and storytelling to explore at gender, LGBTQ issues, privilege, religion, and climate change. A skilled facilitator, he helps workshop participants dig deep into a topic while having fun. He lives in Sunbury, PA with his partner, South African author, Glen Retief. Visit www.petersontoscano.com.



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