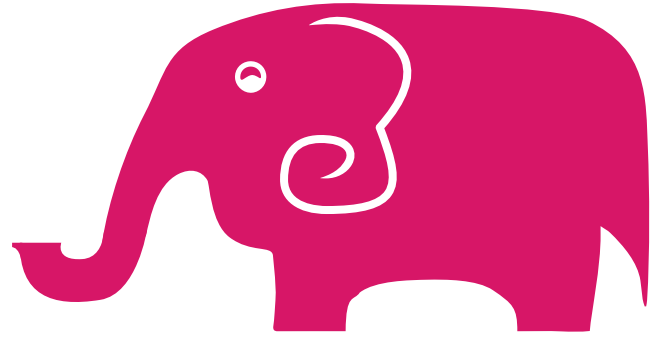


# ***Pink Elephant Project***



Many Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ people are still not able to be their full selves in their homes, schools, workplaces, and places of worship, in spite of California's many LGBTQ-friendly policies and recent LGBTQ legislative wins across the country. True LGBTQ acceptance needs to start in our communities.

**The Network on Religion and Justice for API LGBTQ People (NRJ) and API Equality - Northern California** are collaborating on a one-of-a-kind storytelling and education project! This fall, we're bringing together a cohort of API LGBTQ people of faith and allies to build community, record our stories, and develop skills to promote greater understanding of LGBTQ people in API faith communities.

## ***Join the cohort to:***

- **Embrace your identity**

Heal and connect with other API LGBTQ people of faith and allies in a safe space where you can talk about your experiences with race, sexuality, and faith

- **Empower yourself**

Learn how to teach from your story and have effective conversations about LGBTQ issues with your friends, family, and faith community

- **Educate others**

Contribute to the growing body of voices that are being used to increase LGBTQ acceptance through storytelling, video, music, poetry, and performance

## ***Why:***

In 2006, NRJ created the groundbreaking documentary **In God's House: Asian American Lesbian and Gay Families in the Church**. The film explores the stories of a queer Chinese American woman, a Japanese American pastor, and Japanese American parents who have a gay daughter. The film has started life-changing conversations about the experiences of API LGBTQ people of faith in churches, classrooms, and film festivals around the world. Through this project, we will create supplemental online videos that represent a wider range of API ethnicities, faiths, and experiences.

## ***Who:***

- **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders** – we especially invite Filipino, Korean, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander people of faith and speakers of API languages to join us
- **LGBTQ people and straight allies**
- **People of all faiths**
- **People of all ages** – youth, adults, and elders

## ***When (4 gatherings):***

**Wed, August 28, 6:30-8:30pm** – Orientation Dinner

**Sat, September 21, 10am-4pm** – Storytelling & Conversations Training

**Sat, October 26, 10am-4pm** – Reel Q&A Film Shoot Day

**Thu, December 5, 6:30-9:30pm** – Community Arts and Education Showcase

\* Locations in the San Francisco Bay Area TBA

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