

Photograph by Mary Luong



The Pink Elephant group photo includes the key staff people: Jess Delegencia (bottom row, far left) of the API Roundtable at the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Ministry; Monna Wong (next to Jess), Tracy Nguyen (middle row, 2nd, right end) of API Equality - Northern California and Lauren Quock (next to Tracy) of the Network on Religion and Justice for Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ People.



THE PINK ELEPHANT PROJECT:

A Project of Asian Americans for Civil Rights & Equality

Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ people of faith embody a complex intersection of racial, ethnic, sexual, gender, and religious and spiritual identities. Oftentimes, this means being isolated or having to choose between identities to “fit in.” The Pink Elephant project gives API LGBTQ people of faith a chance to be all of who they are in community with each other and straight allies and empowers them to share their stories of struggle and hope with their families and faith communities through writing, storytelling, video, and photography. The Project cohort was made up of Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ people and straight allies of faith and included people of Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Japanese and Chinese descent of Christian, Buddhist and Hindu faiths ranging from 22-65 years old.

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