



Newsletter

June 2005

Celebrate Gay Pride Month!

Dignity/Seattle Liturgy

Reminder

Liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. every 2nd Sunday: June 12, July 10
Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle

Seattle's Gay Pride Weekend Saturday & Sunday, June 25-26

The two-day **Pride Festival** will be held at Volunteer Park, with many community groups, merchants and food purveyors staffing booths.

The **GLBT Pride Parade** will be on Sunday, starting at 11:00 a.m., from Broadway and Pike, heading north on Broadway, east on Aloha, before entering Volunteer Park.

The **Pride Rally**, featuring music, political speeches and other entertainment will commence immediately after the Parade. The Festival, with dozens of booths, will continue at the east end of the park. For more information: www.seattlepride.org

"Dueling conferences"

On the same day as the Parade, Sunday, June 26th, James Dobson's Focus on the Family will sponsor a one-day conference titled, "**Love Won Out**" at Bothell's Northshore Baptist Church. The theme is that homosexuality is a "curable" condition through prayer and God's love.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, July 9th, several religious and advocacy groups will present the "**Love Welcomes All**" conference that emphasizes acceptance and support for GLBT youth and their families. Details on page 2.

Finally, DignityUSA's biennial convention will be held in Philadelphia from Thursday to Sunday, July 7-10. While the formal deadline has come and gone, there are spaces available as this Newsletter goes to press. If interested in making last-minute plans, you can register for the convention via the website: www.dignityusa.org.

17th Annual Pride Breakfast

Saturday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Central Lutheran Church, 11th & Howell

Eat all you want . . . and then some for only \$5.00 per person! Eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and gourmet coffee, all prepared and served by Dignity/Seattle volunteers. The Pride Week Breakfast will be held at Central Lutheran Church's social hall, located at 11th Ave. and Howell St., across the street from the new Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon.

Each year, the success of the breakfast and accompanying raffle has allowed Dignity to donate over a thousand dollars to Multifaith Works (an AIDS social service organization) and Verbena (Lesbian Cancer Project). Help support two worthy causes while enjoying a delicious breakfast with friends, old and new.

There will also be a raffle drawing at noon; winners need not be present. Part of the proceeds will support Dignity/Seattle. Prizes include a three night condo stay on the Oregon Coast, a bed & breakfast stay in San Francisco, a dinner cruise aboard a yacht, as well as merchandise and services donated by local merchants.

For more tickets to sell or further information, please contact Dignity/Seattle at 206/325-7314 or <weston16@msn.com>.

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Friday, June 17. 7:30 p.m. Liturgy at Kevin & Don's. 604/874-3428.

Saturday, June 25. 7:30 p.m. Potluck Supper at Vincent & Peter's. 604/325-1554.

Love Welcomes All

Achieving Emotional and Spiritual Health in Families with Gay and Lesbian Youth

One day conference

Saturday, July 9, 2005

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Newport Presbyterian Church

4010 - 120th SE, Bellevue

Conference Sponsors:

Bellevue Eastside PFLAG

Seattle PFLAG

Pacific NW Reconciling Ministries

Evangelicals Concerned, Western Region

Religious Coalition for Equality

Our Purpose: This conference is a response to the "Love Won Out" conference coming to Bothell on June 25, 2005. Love Welcomes All is a recognition that a very different view exists on how families can think about and respond to the topic of homosexuality. Ours is a view that stresses emotional, spiritual and family health based upon the findings of the nation's major health organizations and experience of clergy and families who are active in a positive way on this issue. All workshops will include well-researched content, and will provide opportunity for questions from workshop attendees. People and clergy of all faiths are invited, regardless of their position on homosexuality. An atmosphere of mutual respect will be maintained.

Conference Schedule and Topics (subject to change) :

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Introduction and Opening Statements
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Featured speakers: Bob and Mary Lou Wallner
The Slow Miracle of Transformation to Acceptance
The Wallners are founders of TEACH Ministries and authors of the book The Slow Miracle of Transformation, about the suicide of their daughter in 1997.
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Panel 1: **Reports from Professionals: Research and Practical Experience Regarding Emotional and Mental Health in Homosexual Youth**
This panel will be moderated by Dr. Doug Haldeman, a clinical professor in the psychology department at the University of Washington. He is past president of the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues, a division of the American Psychological Association.
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch (Box lunch included in conference price)
- 12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Panel 2: **Homosexuality and the Bible** (choose one of two concurrent panels)
a) **The Evangelical Perspective**
Ron Poindexter, president of Evangelicals Concerned, Western Region, will serve as moderator. Ron will speak about specifically evangelical interpretations of the Bible as it relates to homosexuality.
b) **Various Accepting Faith Leaders**
Pacific NW Reconciling Ministries will host a panel centering upon the beliefs and values of various faith traditions.
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Panel 3: **Families who Embrace Their Gay and Lesbian Youth**
Kathy Reim, Washington State PFLAG coordinator, will moderate this panel. Families with gay and lesbian members will tell their stories. They will describe their unique and varied paths to acceptance of their family members.
- 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Question and Answer Sessions: Five simultaneous moderated sessions

Conference Registration:

Forms may be downloaded on-line at

www.lovewelcomesall-wa.org

Conference Fee (includes box lunch):

\$25 if postmarked by June 30

\$30 if postmarked after June 30

\$10 for clergy or parent who attended Love Won Out conference