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Conversation: Update

Dear friends,

Yesterday was the first Newsletter in about a month, due to the fact that I have been in the process of moving. I'm still unpacking but things are starting to come together, and the first thing I wanted to tend to was the Message Boards, so even though it was just yesterday that you got the last Newsletter, I want to send this out to you so you can start taking advantage of the new Boards.

NEW MESSAGE BOARDS

Since moving to the new server, we've been unable to get the old Message Boards working. I hate to give up on anything, but it just became too time-consuming to keep working on it, so instead, I have created a new application. That means we're starting from scratch, so if you have Categories you'd like me to add, please drop me a line. Also, if you find any problems, please let me know.

I've had a few churches approach me in the past regarding organist positions, youth leaders, etc so I have added a few new categories such as "Jobs Available" and "Jobs Wanted", if you want to post a resume or your credentials for a job.

I've also added "**For Sale**" and "**Items Wanted**", and the old Categories for "**News of Interest to GLBTIQ's**" if you have any upcoming events you want to post, and of course "**Prayer Requests**" and "**Praise Reports**" are still there.

Once you register and login, if you're familiar with the old boards, you should have no trouble. If you're not sure how to use them, there is a "**Help**" button that explains everything quite thoroughly.

Check it out through the Navigation link called "**Messages, Notices & Prayer Requests**" at <http://christiangays.com/smf/>

**NEW ARTICLE – “THINKING AND THINKING AGAIN” OR “OUTSIDE THE BOX” –
by Rev John Moses**

Excerpt:

Some things are worth the risk. Such a conviction is surely what motivates the mother in today's reading from the Gospel of Mark. Here she is a Syrophenician woman, a Gentile, coming to beg a favour of a Jewish healer. If she knows anything about Jews at all, she must know that she is likely to be rebuffed. Because it is so difficult for them to retain their cultural and religious identity even in their own country, now dominated by Gentile foreigners, Jews like Jesus tend to jealously guard their distance from the pagan goyim.

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She makes her request, asks Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter and he refuses in an insulting manner: "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

To this day in the Middle East the epithet "dog" is reserved for those beneath consideration as human beings, as in "infidel dog." Jesus is saying, in effect, that what he has to offer is only for the house of Israel and it cannot be wasted on outsiders of no consequence. What follows is entirely unexpected.

Read this Article at <http://christiangays.com/articles/moses.shtml>
It is powerful! It will make you think!

(Thanks Jack for sending it, and for John's permission to reprint!)

**"BOY I AM" – DOCUMENTARY MOVIE – AVAILABLE NOW FOR EDUCATIONAL
AND INSTITUTIONAL SALES**

There's a new gender being born into Western Civilization, and Boy I Am is an important, entertaining, and disturbing film that elegantly and poignantly captures its birthing. Boy, oh boy... don't miss this one!

-- Kate Bornstein, author of Hello, Cruel World

For 10 years I've been waiting for a film to address issues between lesbians and transmen. There have been discussions among friends but few in public forums. BOY I AM is that public forum. It is a well made, intelligent documentary that inspires healthy and much needed discussion between different but very connected communities.

--Kirsten Schaffer, Senior Director OUTFEST

For more info, go to <http://boyiam.mayfirst.org/boyiam/About.html>

FAMOUS GAYS' BIRTHDAYS – SEPT 15 – 30

September 15: Novelist Ann Bannon, 1932

September 17: Actor Roddy McDowall, 1928

September 18: Actress Greta Garbo, 1905

September 19: Henry III, King of France, 1551; Beatles manager Brian Epstein, 1934;

September 22: Punk-influenced guitarist and singer Joan Jett, 1960

September 23: Singer and songwriter Ani DiFranco, 1970

September 26: Louis XIII, King of France, 1601; Anglo-American poet T.S. Eliot, 1888;

September 30: Writer Truman Capote, 1924; singer Johnny Mathis, 1935

(from gltq.com)

MARK TEWKSBURY – Canadian Swimming Olympic Gold Medalist

Excerpts:

Olympic medalist Mark Tewksbury (b. 1968) was closeted throughout his competitive swimming career, but since coming out has become an advocate for glbtq rights.

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In his solitude and despair, Tewksbury says he "really considered ending it all." On several occasions he took a knife from the kitchen and locked himself in the bathroom. "I would never actually hurt myself," he stated, "but the depths of my self-loathing and desperation in wanting to be something different than what I was pushed me dangerously close."

Read more at http://www.glbtc.com/arts/tewksbury_m.html

CONFESSION

The new nun goes to her first confession.
She tells the priest that she has a terrible secret.
The priest then tells her that her secret is safe in the sanctity of the confessional.
She says, "Father, I never wear panties under my habit."
The priest chuckles and says, "That's not so serious, Sister Bernadette. Say five Hail Marys, five Our Fathers, and do five cartwheels on your way to the altar." ;-)

(Thanks Jacques!)

God bless,
Mary

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