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Conversation: Update

DAILY DEVOTIONS – Needs more writers

Daily Devotions are back up and running. Thank you Jesus! They are short - only 200 - 300 words - and will lift your spirit before you head off to work.

Our Devotions Team consists of:

- 1) Stan Maszczak
- 2) Scott Williamson
- 3) Teri Salvo
- 4) Marilyn Burke
- 5) Carlton Harrington

But we need more people to write for us. If you would like to be part of the team, please send a sample devotion of your writing (maximum 300 words) to Stan at <christianfirst82@yahoo.com> for him to evaluate, to see if your writing is appropriate for us.

Please also let us know how often, on average, that you could write for us.

Many thanks to **Stan and Scott** for agreeing to be co-team leaders!!!!

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NEW ARTICLE - "MARRIAGE, LOVING AND THE LAW" – by Kermit Roosevelt

Excerpt:

In June 1958, Virginia residents Richard Loving and Mildred Jeter traveled to Washington, D.C., got married and returned home. An unexceptional story but for one fact: Richard was white and Mildred black. Their marriage therefore violated Virginia's

Racial Integrity Act. The Lovings were convicted in Virginia court and sentenced to a year in jail, with the sentence suspended on the condition that they leave Virginia and not return together for 25 years.

They got back sooner. On June 12, 1967 -- 40 years ago next Tuesday -- the Supreme Court struck down Virginia's ban on interracial marriages. Writing for a unanimous court, Chief Justice Earl Warren stated that the restriction served no purpose but that of "invidious racial discrimination" and therefore violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

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The past few decades have brought a dramatic change in social attitudes about homosexuality. The American Psychiatric Association, which once classified homosexuality as a mental disease, abandoned that position in 1973. Public opinion polls show an increasing acceptance of homosexuality, and state legislatures are beginning to follow. Restricting the benefits of marriage to opposite-sex couples is increasingly seen as invidious, an inequality inflicted for no good reason.

Please read this excellent article at <http://christiangays.com/articles/roosevelt.shtml>

(Thanks Sharon!)

"STANDING IN THE GAP" ALERT

President Bush has Nominated Dr. James Holsinger to be the next Surgeon General. Dr. Holsinger has stated that homosexuality is dangerous. Apparently the Bush administration feels that Gay bashing is not a health issue (as the President has stated he will veto and hate crimes legislation), but being gay is dangerous to your health.

Here is Dr. Holsinger's record:

In 1991 he used basic plumbing analogies to write a "scientific and medical" paper arguing that homosexuality is unnatural and dangerous.

Founded the Hope Springs Community Church, which reportedly has a special program to "cure" gays from "that lifestyle."

Past writings indicate that he views sexual orientation as a "lifestyle choice." This could not be further from the view held by mainstream medical or scientific organizations.

James Holsinger's record seems to demonstrate that he is uninterested in the best scientific information available; instead, he allows his anti-gay bias to inform his medical judgments. What will he do if he's given the title of Surgeon General?

Write President Bush and your Senator today.

comments@whitehouse.gov

http://senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

(Thanks Scott!)

*Note from Mary: I felt this was important enough to post in the regular Newsletter. If you wish to be advised of more opportunities to "take action", please subscribe to receive our "Standing in the Gap" newsletter on the **Subscribe to CG.com** page at <http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml>*

NO GAY MARRIAGE BALLOT ITEM FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Excerpt:

BOSTON - Massachusetts lawmakers threw out a proposed constitutional amendment Thursday that would have let voters decide whether to ban gay marriage in the only state that allows it.

The vote — which came amid heavy pressure to kill the measure from Gov. Deval Patrick and legislative leaders — was a devastating blow to efforts to reverse a historic 2003 court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage.

"Today's vote is not just a victory for marriage equality. It was a victory for equality itself," said Patrick, who had lobbied lawmakers up until the final hours to kill the measure.

As the tally was announced, the halls of the Statehouse erupted in applause.

The ban needed 50 votes in consecutive sessions of the 200-seat Legislature to secure a place on the 2008 statewide ballot. At the end of the last session in January it passed with 62 votes, but this time it garnered just 45.

Read the rest of the story at http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070614/ap_on_re_us/gay_marriage

(Thanks Mike!)

HIV RETREAT AUG 3 - 5, BOYDS, MARYLAND, USA

Living Positively, a retreat for people living with HIV/AIDS and their partners and caregivers, led by Joshua Love, HIV Program Director for the Metropolitan Community Churches.

August 3 – 5, 2007

Registration: \$75 (by July 15) and \$90 (after July 15)

Open Door Center for Spirituality
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Join us for a retreat for those living with HIV/AIDS and their partners and/or caregivers. Explore with each other what it means to live positively and develop a spirituality that gives witness to God's power in the face of HIV. The retreat will begin Friday evening after dinner at the Open Door Center for Spirituality, Open Door Metropolitan Community Church, in rural Boyds, Maryland.

*There is a lot more information posted on the **Message Boards** at <http://christiangays.com/smf/index.php?topic=158.new#new>*

You may have to login first and then come back and click on this link.

(Thanks Adam!)

DEFINITIONS

Dyke - is a slang term for a lesbian. Originally it was a derogatory label for a masculine or butch woman, and this usage still exists. However, it has also been reappropriated as a positive term implying assertiveness and toughness, or simply as a neutral synonym for lesbian.

Genderqueer - is a term for people who feel that their gender identities or gender expression do not correspond to the gender assigned to them at birth, **but who do not want to transition** to the "opposite" gender.

If you want to read more definitions, please go to <http://christiangays.com/articles/definitions.shtml>

If I'm missing a definition on that page of a word you'd like to appear there, please let me know.

NEWS – 4 ARRESTED FOR ABUSING AND INJECTING MEN WITH HIV BLOOD IN HOLLAND

Excerpt:

A case which involves a group of four HIV-positive gay men - who allegedly raped victims lured on the Internet, drugged them and infected them with the HIV virus - has shocked the Netherlands and gay communities worldwide.

In a highly unusual and controversial case which made national and international headlines last week, Dutch authorities have arrested four men suspected of deliberately infecting gay men with HIV.

The article can be found at <http://www.fridae.com/newsfeatures/article.php?articleid=1944&viewarticle=1>

(Thanks Yowee!)

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? - Eagle's Nest School of Worship and the Arts

August 16-19, 2007

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Brochures are coming out this week.

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Last year I mentioned that if any of you feel blessed by the ministry that ChristianGays.com provides, perhaps you might consider making a one time donation, or even better, a monthly commitment to help me keep things going.

I have been committed from the beginning that I will keep CG.com free for all, and will either pay for the website hosting, domain name, applications and other expenses by myself out of my Old Age Pension or (hopefully) by Donations and Banner Ads.

We are now a family of over 1000 people and I am blessed to say that several people have made one time donations (they are listed on the website), and three have been sending monthly donations totaling \$75/mo which covers the hosting. I am so grateful for both the individual donations, and also for the faithfulness of the three who send me money every month.

If God has been good to you and you'd like to help us out financially to continue to grow and add more and more resources (I have so many ideas!), would you please visit the **Donations** page at <http://christiangays.com/donations.shtml> to see what's

involved. It's pretty simple. I thank you with all my heart.

(Please, if you are in financial difficulties, do not contribute. This is only for those who have a little extra to spare. I would never want to cause a hardship on anyone.)

NOTABLE GLBT BIRTHDAYS - June 15 - June 30

June 16: **Gustav V**, King of Sweden, 1858

June 20: Movie star **Errol Flynn**, 1909

June 21: Writer **Ann Allen Shockley**, 1927

June 23: Sex researcher **Alfred C. Kinsey**, 1894

June 25: Pop singer **George Michael**, 1963

June 27: Radical organizer **Emma Goldman**, 1869

June 28: Football player **David Kopay**, 1943

(from gltq.com)

PASTOR EXPERIENCES

"When I was a young preacher, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first laid to rest there. As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost, and, being a typical man, did not stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late. I saw the backhoe and the crew, who was eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the side of the open grave, where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, but this was the proper thing to

do.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunches. I poured out my heart and soul. As I preached, the workers began to say, "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory." I preached like I'd never preached before, using passage after passage from several books of the Bible. I closed the lengthy service with a prayer and walked to my car.

As I was opening the car door, I overheard one of the workers say to another, "I ain't never seen anything like that before and I've been puttin' in septic tanks for over twenty years."

(Thanks Rick!)

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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