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NEW MAP ADDED

On the **Home Page** <http://christiangays.com/> I have added a map so that you can see where all our visitors come from. It is "live" so that if you go to the Home Page now, you will be able to see a flag that represents YOU!

Click on the map to make it larger. A little hand should then allow you to move the map to the places you're interested in seeing. You can check the whole world to see where our visitors from the last few hours have connected from.

Find a flag that looks like it's in your location and click. It will tell you your city.

Click the back arrow on your browser to take you back to the Home Page.

CHAT ROOM ACTIVE AGAIN

The chat room went pretty dead for a while after our last change of hosts but thanks to a few of our faithful family members it's started to pick up again.

If you haven't tried chatting yet, it's really pretty easy. Just follow the link at that top of every page on the website that says **Gay CHAT**. If you need help, don't hesitate to ask.

Regular nights are **Wed and Sat at 9:30 pm EDT** (that's 6:30 pm Pacific time) but often there are folks in there other nights of the week too. Please check it out if you would like some fellowship.

<http://christiangays.com/chat.shtml>

LIST SERVE

The List Serve (group email list) continues to grow. We have some wonderful new Spirit-filled folks who are sharing their stories with us. We all have so much in common! Please join us in the conversation. We'd love to get to know you.

You can read about, and join, the **List Serve** at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChristianGays1/>

FREE DATING SERVICE

We have 380 active members subscribed to the **Dating Service** but we'll need thousands before it is really beneficial to people, so if you know any singles who'd like to meet their soul mate, please let them know about our **Dating Service**.

To my knowledge, it is the only completely free GLBTIQ Dating Service where you never have to pay a nickel to contact others, post up to 20 pics and 5 videos, etc.

It also has a very intensive **Compatibility Questionnaire** like the "big guys" so that you can really get to know your potential mate.

Check it out at <http://christiangays.com/osdate/>

ADVERTISERS

Please don't forget to support our Advertisers by clicking on some of the ads to see what they're about.

This week I'd encourage you to click on the ad for "**Calling The Rainbow Nation Home**", the second ad under the Navigation links. This is the personal story of our own Rev Elaine Sundby who created the **Directory of Welcoming Churches** - 3500 listings - at the top of our **Gay Links** page.

<http://christiangays.com/links.shtml>

NEW INMATE

Lisa Ann Smith is our newest inmate to be added to our Prison Ministry. Please read about Lisa and if you feel so inclined, please write her a letter of support to let her know that God's people care.

This is a much needed ministry. If you have the time to write to some of these folks I know that God would bless you for your efforts.

Please check them out at <http://christiangays.com/personals/prison.shtml>

NEW TRANS F->M GROUP FORMING - KINGSTON, ON CANADA

There is a nascent FTM (female-to-male) group meeting in Kingston every month or so. The purpose of this group is to provide support and a safe space for transgendered men, female-born male-identified transsexuals, and female-bodied men. Men in our group are pre-transition, mid-transition, and post-transition - and in every stage of the "coming out" process.

For more information, check the **Trans** page of the website at <http://christiangays.com/trans.shtml> (near the bottom) or the **Links** page for Kingston at <http://christiangays.com/links/kingston.shtml>

EVENT - A GAY, MALE, CHRISTIAN, SEXUAL ETHIC – April 30, 2008 – BERKLEY, CA

The evening begins with a reception at 5:30 in the Badè Museum at Pacific School of Religion, followed by the lecture at 6:30 by Dale B. Martin, Woolsey Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University.

This promises to be a provocative and thought-provoking presentation by a leading scholar of New Testament and Christian origins, and with implications extending well beyond the questions lived by "gay men."

For more information please contact The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA
<http://www.clgs.org/> or phone 510-849-8206

EVENT - LONDON ENGLAND'S LGBT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – May 4, 2008

The vibrant LGBT Catholic community which gathers at Soho's Church of Our Lady of the Assumption & St. Gregory, Warwick Street W1B 5NB, will pull the stops out for Ascension **Sunday, 4 May**.

The Soho Masses Schola will be singing parts of Palestrina's Missa Aeterna Christ Munera, Marenzio's O Rex Gloriam, and Byrd's Ave Verum Corpus at the Church's 5.00 pm Mass to mark the Feast of the Ascension.

The Schola, formed by members of the congregation and friends, regularly adds to the quality of music and worship at this historic Catholic church. Presiding at the Ascension Sunday Mass will be Monsignor Seamus O'Boyle, Parish Priest of the Warwick Street church.

The congregation for 1st & 3rd 5.00 pm Sunday Masses, alongside LGBT Catholics, includes parents and friends, visitors and tourists, as well as other church members, attracted by the lively liturgies, thoughtful preaching, warm hospitality and sense of community. The regular attendance numbers at least one hundred people, with the Masses providing a spiritual and pastoral focus for LGBT Catholics alongside the hustle and bustle of Soho and the West End.

Further details: <http://www.sohomasses.com> - or email info@sohomasses.com

NEWS - PENSIONS FOR SAME-SEX PARTNERS – BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

The Colombian Constitutional Court gives the green light to same-sex partner pensions.

On April 17, 2008, Colombia once again made news in its search for social justice on planet earth with this decision of the constitutional court. The court considered that the

same pension system presently in force is applicable to same-sex couples.

With this decision, the court has continued down the road it started on last year, when it made man-woman couples that lived together the same as same-sex couples; and later with the affiliation of the same-sex partners into the national general health insurance system; and now again with the subject of pensions.

This is a new high impact activist strategy in which organizations and activists together with Academia (a public interest group at the Universidad de los Andes - Colombia Diversa), have drawn as a roadmap, calculating the interventions, etc., step by step.

With this decision, Colombia has complied with the decision of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations. (The case of Mister X against Colombia) who by means of communique 1361/2005" CCPR/c/89/d/1361/2005)available in Spanish at http://www.bayefsky.com/./pdf/colombia_t5_iccpr_1361_2005_sp.pdf and in English at <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/> which asked the country of Colombia to solve this problem throughout the country.

It sets out the arguments which we raise, that it precisely the country of Colombia that has the obligation, having ratified the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights which 99% of the countries of the world are members of.

The organizations or persons that desire support from the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations can turn to me and I will be glad to collaborate with them, taking into account my experience as the attorney of Mister X. In the same manner, before the Interamerican Commission of Human rights I have filed a similar case.

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*(from HIV/AIDS Network <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/hivaidsnetwork/message/1946>
(Thanks Mike!)*

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed a map of the country.

Tearing it into small pieces he gave it to Shelby and said, 'Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country.'

After a few minutes Shelby returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

'Oh,' she said, 'on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.'

(Thanks Laura!)

Bi
Gay
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Created Queer
PROUD OF WHO I AM
I am God's kid (John 1:12)
I am our God's friend (John 15:15)
I am joined with our God (1 Cor 6:17)
I am a citizen of the kingdom (Eph 3:19)
I'm chosen by the Son of God (John 15:16)
I am truly blessed and comforted (Matt 5:3-4)
I am living with no condemnation (Romans 8:1-2)
I'm reconciled and am at peace with God (Col 1:20)
I'm one nobody can charge or accuse (Rom 8:33 -34)
I'm able to triumph in Christ through God (2 Cor 2:14)
I'm already sitting with Christ in the heavenly (Eph 2:6)
I cannot be separated from Christ Jesus' love (Rom 8:35)
I am just as sweet a perfume as Christ is to God (2 Cor 3:15)
I can approach God boldly and with confidence (Ephesians 3: 12)
I am completely redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13)
I am justified (Rom 5:1) and I am a holy temple for God to inhabit (Eph 2: 22)
I am working with God (1 Cor 3:9) and I'm showing God's workmanship (Eph 2:10)

I am confident all the good things God has started in my life will be completed (Phil 1:6)

I am redeemed and forgiven (Colossians 1:14) and I am adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5)

God's queer child

Questioning

Lesbian

Gay Bi

(Thanks Jack!)

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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