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Conversation: Update

DATING SERVICE – SUCCESS STORY

"My partner Carol and I will celebrate 3 years of marriage in November of 2008, thanks to ChristianGays.com! I was reluctant to post an "ad" on CG.com due to both skepticism that it would really generate any results and fear of being "outed". Mary Pearson was so helpful at keeping the post anonymous, yet with enough information to generate matches. I received several responses from many nice people, and of course one from my eventual life partner! Even though we lived thousands of miles apart when we met, God has brought us together. As the Author of our relationship, God used CG.com as the tool to enable me to meet the Godly woman who is now my wife."

If you are single and looking for your soulmate, why not try our **ALL FREE Dating Service**. This is not like most Dating Services that require a fee to allow you to contact other people. You can contact others as soon as you register, and this will never change. All of the ChristianGays.com Services will ALWAYS remain FREE.

Fill in just the Basics or do the EXTENSIVE Compatibility Questionnaire.

<http://christiangays.com/osdate/>

Do you have a **Success Story** about ChristianGays.com that you'd like to share with others? Please send it to mary@christiangays.com, and let me know if it's OK to use your name as the author, or if you want to remain anonymous.

NEWS - OBAMA – "EQUAL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES"

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, who previously said the issue of gay marriage should be left up to each state, has announced his opposition to a California ballot measure that would ban same-sex marriages.

In a letter to Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club read Sunday at the group's annual Pride Breakfast in San Francisco, the Illinois senator said he supports extending "fully equal rights and benefits to same-sex couples under both state and federal law."

"And that is why I oppose the divisive and discriminatory efforts to amend the California Constitution, and similar efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution or those of other states," Obama wrote.

Obama had previously said he personally opposes same-sex marriage, but each state should make its own decision.

Read the whole Article at <http://www.sacbee.com/111/story/1051404.html>

*Read more **Gay GOOD News** at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>*

(Thanks Jack!)

NEW ARTICLE – "The Distortions of James Dobson" - by Wayne Besen

Wayne actually published this article on June 24 but I'm only now getting around to putting it on the CG.com website. You will find it in the Articles but it is the third one from the top.

Excerpt:

It is remarkable that Focus on the Family's James Dobson would accuse anyone of "distortions" considering his ignoble record. But, that is exactly what the right wing ideologue did this week when he said on his daily radio show that democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama distorted the Bible.

"I think he's deliberately distorting the traditional understanding of the Bible to fit his own worldview, his own confused theology," Dobson said." "... He is dragging biblical understanding through the gutter."

Why do people still listen to what this serial liar has to say? In the past two years, at least seven researchers have accused Dobson of manipulating or cherry picking their results to back his anti-gay teachings.

Please go to the **Articles** page to read the whole thing (third article from the top of the page) <http://christiangays.com/articles.shtml>

(Thanks DJ!)

NEW VIDEO ON THE WEBSITE

A group of people wanted to do something creative for their church so they are wearing white gloves and are performing to "Who Am I" by Casting Crowns in front of a black light. Turn up your sound and enjoy.

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

(Thanks James!)

NEW INMATE

Tamara Battles has been added to our **Prison Ministry** list. Please pray for her and for the others who have written asking for prayer support, spiritual guidance, penpals, friendship, and in some cases they are looking for a long term relationship.

If possible, please write to Tamara and to any of the others to let them know that they are not alone. People DO care!

Prison Ministry <http://christiangays.com/personals/prison.shtml>

RESOURCE - GLBTQ.COM – AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GLBTQ CULTURE - Christian

Denominations

Excerpt:

While denominations such as the **Metropolitan Community Church** and the **Unitarian Universalists** welcome full participation by glbtq members and clergy, others are divided over glbtq issues, and some are ardent supporters of the most homophobic elements of the New Right.

http://www.glbtq.com/social-sciences/metro_comm_church.html

<http://www.glbtq.com/social-sciences/unitarians.html>

http://www.glbtq.com/social-sciences/new_right.html

Churches of the Anglican Communion include the **Episcopal Church** and the **Church of England**. The recent consecration of Reverend V. Gene Robinson (b. 1947), an openly gay man, as a bishop in the United States brought tensions within the worldwide communion into sharp focus.

<http://www.glbtq.com/social-sciences/anglicanism.html>

http://www.glbtq.com/social-sciences/robinson_vg.html

glbtq.com has graciously granted permission for me to create a webpage which contains a very complete list of 17 links to info about each denomination's attitude toward gays. Included are Evangelicals, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Quakers, UCC, etc.

*Please visit the **Christian Denominations and Gays** page at <http://christiangays.com/links/denomination2.shtml>*

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

I have been granted permission to add an **Interfaith Calendar Definition of Terms** to the **Bible Study Tools** page. This alphabetical listing may be of interest to those who are interested in the details of a Christian Day of Celebration, or to learn a little about other faith traditions. The Christian listings start with **Advent** and end with **Yule**, and other faith celebrations start with **Al-Hijra** (Islam) and end with **Zarathosht Diso** (Zoroastrianism).

Go to the **Bible Study Tools** link (top menu on the website) or the direct link is <http://christiangays.com/articles/calendar.shtml>

DATING SERVICE FRAUD AND SCAMMER ALERTS

An old scammer has just shown up again. He took one of our Dating Service members completely by surprise. Our member is very hurt. Unfortunately, if he had just read the Dating Service Home Page where I have a link to a **WARNING** about Frauds and Scammers, he would have avoided this situation completely. There is a list of currently known scammers, and this fellow's name has been on the list for months.

I'm baffled that out of 625 active members on the Dating Service, only 75 people have subscribed to receive the **Fraud Alerts**. I have personally removed almost 200 members for inappropriate use of the website but very few people seem to care.

If any of you have a profile on the **FREE Dating Service** <http://christiangays.com/osdate/> I HIGHLY recommend that you subscribe to receive notification of frauds and scammers as I discover them.

You can subscribe at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cgdate/>

NEW LINK – The Michael D. Palm Center

- formerly the **Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military**, uses rigorous social science to inform public discussions of controversial social issues, enabling policy outcomes to be informed more by evidence than by emotion. Our data-driven approach is premised on the notion that the public makes wise choices on social issues when high quality information is available.

The Center promotes the interdisciplinary analysis of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other marginalized sexual identities in the armed forces by forging a community of scholars, creating a forum for information exchange and debate, offering itself as a launching point for researchers who need access to data and scholarly networks, and supporting graduate student training.

The Center's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell Project' will continue to be its first priority under its

new name - The Michael D. Palm Center. The goal of the DADT Project is to improve the quality of information available to public deliberations about the military policy.

The Michael D. Palm Center is an official unit of the Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

*For the link to this and other **Gay Secular Reference** Websites, please visit http://christiangays.com/links/secular_reference.shtml*

(Thanks Scott!)

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One of our members is trying to promote her online store. Please check out **Berg's Gifts & Collectibles** - also known as B.G.& C. is a family owned business, established in 1996.

We're sure you'll find something for everyone on your gift giving list as well as for yourself. We look forward to serving you, your business, your family, and your friends for years to come.

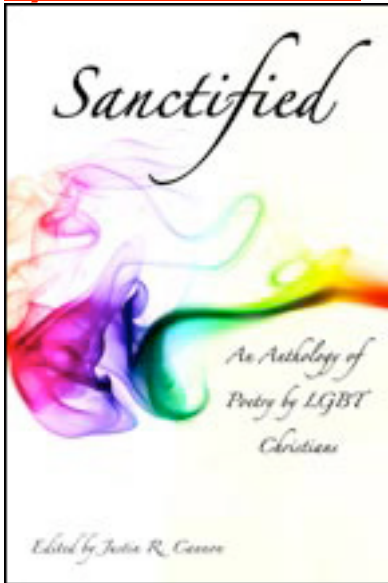
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<http://www.bergsgifts.com/>

SUPPORT OUR "FAMILY" - RAY VESTER IN CONCERT – INDIANAPOLIS, IN – JULY 27, 2008 3 PM

At **True Love Christian Fellowship**, Details are on their website at <http://www.trueloveindy.com/>

SUPPORT OUR "FAMILY" - NEW BOOK - "Sanctified – An Anthology of Poetry by LGBT Christians" - edited by Justin R. Cannon



World's First Gay Christian Poetry Anthology Published This Month

San Francisco, CA – This month marks the publication of the world's first poetry anthology devoted exclusively to works by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans Christians.

Justin R. Cannon, editor of ***Sanctified: An Anthology of Poetry by LGBT Christians***, explains, "I am excited about this publication because LGBT Christians' voices need to be heard not only in church meetings, city councils, and courtrooms, but also in the literary arena. I believe poetry is an intimate, very revealing form of writing, and that this anthology speaks deeply to the experience of queer Christians in our world." He elaborates, "The many voices in this anthology reveal the deep pain and grief, longing and desire, and also the desires and joys of LGBT Christians, who are often caught between two worlds that are so often opposed to each other. These poems also give a glimpse of the many gifts we have to offer the church and society."

The final product is a beautiful tome of 142 pages featuring poetry by thirty-three poets.

Sanctified can be pre-ordered at <http://www.SanctifiedAnthology.com>, and will also be listed on Amazon.com by the end of the month (ISBN: 978-1438247854).

Cannon is also the director of **Inclusive Orthodoxy**, an online ministry to LGBT Christians (<http://www.InclusiveOrthodoxy.org>) as well as an LGBT Christian dating service, **RainbowChristians.com**. He currently lives in Berkeley, California where he is pursuing priesthood in the Episcopal Church.

NEW TIDBIT

Be Yourself. Everyone Else Is Taken! ~ Charles Schulz

For more Tidbits, please go to <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>

PROBLEMS

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

(Thanks James!)

CG.COM STATS

This past month we had 13,440 visits from 154 different countries/territories.

God bless,
Mary

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