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Conversation: Update

NEW – EX EX-GAY SUPPORT PAGE

We've just started a new support page for people who have been abused by these anti-gay ministries like Exodus International.

It can be found in the **Gay Links** and there is also a Link in the main Navigation Links.

If you'd like to check it out, please go to <http://christiangays.com/exgay.shtml>

If you have anything to add to the page that would be helpful for others, please let me know.

WEBSITE WORTH VISITING – EX EX-GAY LEADER

Darlene Bogle - author of *A Christian Lesbian Journey*, was a former leader in Exodus International and directed an ex-gay ministry in Hayward, California in the 1980's and early 1990's where she was an assistant pastor in a Foursquare Church. She had been a national spokesperson for ex-gay ministry, having appeared on such programs as Sally Jesse Raphael, CBS 48 Hours and Jerry Springer. During that time she authored several books and hundreds of articles promoting an ex-gay lifestyle. Her life and ministry changed at a women's retreat as she was sharing her journey of emotional healing, when she met Des. Their instant attraction grew into love and they began their journey of discovering who they were as gay Christians.

Read more about this wonderful woman and please consider buying her book at <http://www.darlenebogle.com/>

NEW - CHAT ROOM PROFILES

When I created the latest chat application for us I messed up the "Edit Profile" so that it was unavailable to you. I have now corrected that.

When you go into the Chat Rooms and you see your name on the right side of the page, click on it and select "Profile". It will allow you to edit your own profile, but will show you the details of the others when you click on someone else's name.

Hope to see you on **Wed and Sat nights – 9:30 pm** ET (6:30 pm PT)

The rooms are open 24/7 but you may or may not catch anyone there at other times.

AMAZON.COM PAGES - New Book Added

"Santified – An Anthology of Poetry by LGBT Christians" - The world's first poetry anthology featuring works exclusively by 33 LGBT poets, edited by our own **Justin Cannon**

*Please visit the **Amazon** pages at http://christiangays.com/amazon/amazon_books_title.shtml Click on the pic of the book to take you directly to Amazon.com to order it.*

DATING SERVICE - FRAUD ALERTS! - NEW INFORMATION

I just found out about Scam / Fraud phone numbers and have posted the info on the **Fraud Alert** page that:

If someone gives you a UK phone number starting with "+44 70xx", these numbers usually indicate that you're dealing with criminals based in Nigeria or other West African countries. These **+44 70xx** numbers are used as a redirector service to obscure the fact that the person taking the call is not actually based in Europe. The UK number is used to lend credibility to the scam.

If you're not subscribed to receive the **Fraud Alerts**, I suggest you do so from the

"**Join Our Family**" page at <http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml>

We have now had 877 people subscribe to the **Dating Service** since we started in January, so about a hundred new people every month, although only 660 people are active. The others have been removed for inappropriate content or because they were scammers.

I have sent out three fraud alerts already this week alone for people who were subscribed (and have now been removed from) our **Dating Service**. Please stay informed, keep the faith, and don't lose hope because of these frauds. There are lots of good people on the **Dating Service** too!

NEW FEATURE - DATING SERVICE

Up until now, if you entered your email address into a message to someone, it was removed, so that you always had to connect within the ChristianGays.com Mail Service. This is a feature that is automatic with this application because the Dating Services that charge you don't want you to be able to connect with others outside of their service. Otherwise, you'd have no reason to pay them.

I received a request to change that feature so that people could include their email addresses to one another after their first contact, and since I have no intention of ever charging for this service, there is no reason why you shouldn't be able to do that.

It took a while but I was able to find out how to adapt it so that now you are able to include your email addresses when you are connecting with others through the Dating Service.

Please spread the word to your friends about the **FREE ChristianGays.com Dating Service** so that we can grow and reach more people.

NEW PERSONAL STORY - "LOSSES – AND NEW L.I.F.E" - by Susan Duviella (brwneyes)

Excerpt:

We helped start a ministry that eventually became chartered as a church. I was asked to be the Pastor for the kids. After much prayer, I accepted the position. After all, the Pastor knew about me and still asked.

After about a year and a half of building an awesome relationship with the people and the children, something changed. People began to talk and question the Pastor about me and my wife. He couldn't take the heat and decided that he wanted me out. In fact, he did it via email. He let me know that I was to step down as Youth Pastor and no longer attend the church. To top it off, he told me to be the one to tell my family and friends that they were no longer allowed to attend anymore because of their approval of my lifestyle.

*Read Susan's **Personal Story** at <http://christiangays.com/stories/susan.shtml>*

(Thanks Susan!)

TAKE ACTION - "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL"

It has been fifteen long years since President Clinton signed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" into law. Fifteen long years later, it is eminently clear that it is a failed policy.

With your support, Congress could soon admit that too.

On Wednesday, July 23, the House of Representatives' subcommittee on Military Personnel will hold the first hearing on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," since its inception.

We need to tell Congress that it is unacceptable to allow the military to openly discriminate against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans. Please sign this petition hosted by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and tell Congress how you feel.

<http://action.sldn.org/petition>

Together we can finally have a military that truly reflects the freedom they're fighting for.

Note from Mary: This is mainly for Americans but they do give Canadian Provinces as a choice, however they will not accept our Postal Codes, so if you're not in the U.S., fill in

any five digit number and then put your real postal code in the Comments section.

Let's hope the U.S. can follow Canada's lead in this matter.

**EVENT – “WRITING OUTSIDE THE MARGINS” – TORONTO, ON CANADA – Sun
Aug 24, 2008, 11 am – 7 pm**

Canada's Festival of Queer Literary Arts

Church St between Alexander and Gloucester, Toronto - Free Admission

Featured Authors John Cameron Mitchell, Michelle Tea and Kinnie Starr

Canada's Festival of Queer Literary Arts returns to the streets of Toronto on Sunday August 24th, after the incredible success of the 2007 inaugural event. This all day festival features an array of activities for everyone, including panel discussions, an open mic stage, a poetry slam, children's area, and exclusive readings by all confirmed authors.

Once again Church Street will become a pedestrian-only zone where LGBT readers and writers will join forces to participate in a day-long interactive celebration of queer literary arts. This year provides a completely different roster of over a dozen authors soliciting a summer sensory exploration. As well, after the popularity of last year, there will be an expanded Pink Ink Open Mic series, where anyone can garner their 15 minutes of fame. The three featured authors bring a wealth of creative influx representative of their home towns New York City, San Francisco and Vancouver.

For more details, visit their Official Website at <http://www.writingoutsidethemargins.ca>

THAI SCHOOL OFFERS TRANSSEXUAL TOILET

Excerpt:

The headteacher, Sitisak Sumontha, estimates that in any year between 10% and 20% of his boys consider themselves to be transgender - boys who would rather be girls.

"They used to be teased every time they used the boys' toilets," he said, "so they started using the girls' toilets instead. But that made the girls feel uncomfortable. It made these boys unhappy, and started to affect their work."

So the school offered to build the transgender boys their own facility, and they welcomed it.

*Please go to the **Trans Support** page for a link to the whole article <http://christiangays.com/trans.shtml>*

EVENT - OUR FAMILY MATTERS - OCT 22 - 25, NASHVILLE, TN

You're invited to this Inclusive Nashville Conference and Event Because Your Family Matters: God, Gays and Family Come Together.

Be in a safe space to be who you are, as you are, where you are. Meet others who know and understand the journey you're on. Leave with communication tools and standing on solid ground.

Visit <http://www.ourfamilymatters.org/> for more information.

GOD'S PHARMACY! AMAZING!

God left us a great clue as to what foods help what part of our body!



A sliced Carrot looks like the human eye. The pupil, iris and radiating lines look just

like the human eye... and YES, science now shows carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and function of the eyes.



A Tomato has four chambers and is red. The heart has four chambers and is red. All of the research shows tomatoes are loaded with lycopine and are indeed pure heart and blood food.



Grapes hang in a cluster that has the shape of the heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell and all of the research today shows grapes are also profound heart and blood vitalizing food.



A Walnut looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds on the nut are just like the neo-cortex. We now know walnuts help develop more than three (3) dozen neuron-transmitters for brain function.



Kidney Beans actually heal and help maintain kidney function and yes, they look exactly like the human kidneys.



Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb and many more look just like bones. These foods specifically target bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet, the body pulls it from the bones, thus making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.



Avocadoes, Eggplant and Pears target the health and function of the womb and cervix of the female - they look just like these organs. Today's research shows that when a woman eats one avocado a week, it balances hormones, sheds unwanted birth weight, and prevents cervical cancers. And how profound is this? It takes exactly nine (9) months to grow an avocado from blossom to ripened fruit. There are over 14,000 photolytic chemical constituents of nutrition in each one of these foods (modern science has only studied and named about 141 of them).



Figs are full of seeds and hang in twos when they grow. Figs increase the mobility of male sperm and increase the numbers of Sperm as well to overcome male sterility.



Sweet Potatoes look like the pancreas and actually balance the glycemic index of diabetics.



Olives assist the health and function of the ovaries.



Oranges, Grapefruits, and other Citrus fruits look just like the mammary glands of the female and actually assist the health of the breasts and the movement of lymph in and out of the breasts.



Onions look like the body's cells. Today's research shows onions help clear waste materials from all of the body cells. They even produce tears which wash the epithelial layers of the eyes. A working companion, Garlic, also helps eliminate waste materials and dangerous free radicals from the body.

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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