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**UPDATE - ON THE STATUS OF THE CHRISTIANGAYS.COM WEBSITE**

I last wrote that our statistics (the number of people visiting the website) had dropped significantly since I had been in hospital and not putting the time required into it. To be specific, we used to get an average of 30,000 visitors a month. At our lowest point we dropped down to 4,522 visitors in one month.

I just started feeling well enough a couple of weeks ago to get back to putting in the long hours required to build us back up, but I'm happy to say that this past month we had 7,453 visitors, so we are a long way from the 30,000 that we used to have, but we're going in the right direction, and we're moving quickly.

The reason that it's important for us to get lots of visitors is that we will be rated highly with the Search Engines when someone is trying to find a welcoming "family". We want to be there for them. So I would solicit your prayers and support in building us back up. Thank you!

PS: Every time you visit the website to read an Article, Tidbits, News, etc, or go into the Chat Rooms, or spend time on the Dating Service or the Store, it helps our statistics. I hope you'll visit often. ;-)

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**NEW ON THE WEBSITE - GOOGLE ADS**

In an effort to keep everything free on the ChristianGays.com website I am adding Google Ads with the hope of bringing in a little money to help with the expenses of the website.

The Ads are supposed to reflect the content within the page on which it appears, however they are selected by robots so may actually be contrary to ChristianGays.com beliefs and principles. ChristianGays.com does not necessarily endorse these Google Advertisers, although I'm sure many of them are very good.

We do however endorse all of our advertisers who have banner ads under the Navigation links. I hope you'll visit these folks and check out their products and services. They're GOOD people who I endorse whole-heartedly!

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## **GOOD GAY NEWS - LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SWEDEN TO BLESS GAY MARRIAGES**

Excerpt:

Delegates of Sweden's largest church, the Lutheran Church of Sweden, approved a plan Thursday to bless gay marriages, the AFP reported.

Gay marriage became available in Sweden on May 1 after Lawmakers overwhelmingly approved a bill in April, making it the seventh country to legalize gay marriage.

A large majority (70%) of the church's synod, or church board, agreed to allow gay couples to marry in its congregations from November 1. Pastors, however, have the discretion to refuse to bless a marriage.

*Read the whole article at <http://www.ontopmag.com/article.aspx?id=4752&MediaType=1&Category=24>*

*(Thanks Raymond!)*

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## **GOOD GAY NEWS – VIDEO OF PRES. OBAMA & HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT**

This is an 11 minute video of President Obama speaking about the importance of signing the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act that toughens penalties, and expands protections against crimes designed to

intimidate as well as harm.

*See it at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>*

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### **GOOD GAY NEWS – BEA ARTHUR LEAVES \$300K TO GAY YOUTH**

Excerpt:

"Golden Girls" star Bea Arthur's generosity lives on.

The actress, who died in April, included a \$300,000 donation to New York's Ali Forney Center, an organization supporting homeless LGBT youth, in her will, leaving center Executive Director Carl Siciliano overwhelmed by her kindness.

*See the Article at <http://www.cnn.com/2009/SHOWBIZ/TV/10/29/bea.arthur.donation/index.html>*

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### **NEW ARTICLE / EVENT – QUACK ATTACK BACK IN WEST PALM BEACH by Wayne Besen**

Excerpt:

In August, the American Psychological Association released a report that explicitly said "there is insufficient evidence" for therapists to claim conversion therapy works. The APA report also admonished so-called "ex-gay" counselors to not mislead clients by telling them that their sexual orientation can be changed.

The experts who crafted this report made it crystal clear that such efforts to "pray away the gay" are a sham. That, however, has not stopped a trade group of quacks from planning to sell their snake oil in West Palm Beach next month.

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) is holding yet another conference that runs counter to science and reality. What makes this group dangerous is that it pretends to be secular, but consists of hyper-religious counselors whose goal is to make it appear as if science backs their rigid belief system.

*Read the whole article and find details of the Conference at <http://christiangays.com/articles/besen34.shtml>*

*(Thanks Wayne!)*

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### **NEW ARTICLE – ASTROLOGY AND THE BIBLE**

Recently there has been discussion, both in the Chat Rooms and in the Social Group, regarding Astrology. I have converted one of my letters into an Article for the website so that you will know what the Admin of ChristianGays.com believes about the topic.

*If you're interested, you'll find it at <http://christiangays.com/articles/astrology.shtml>*

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### **EVENT – REV TROY PERRY IN BOYDS, MD – NOV 14**

Please plan to join Open Door MCC in Boyds, MD, for a special Sharing Time with the Rev. Troy Perry, Founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches.

Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Open Door MCC in Boyds, MD (for directions, see <http://www.opendoormcc.com> ).

\$25.00 per person, (lunch will be included).

The Rev. Troy Perry started the Metropolitan Community Church movement with the first worship service in his home in Los Angeles, CA on Oct. 6, 1968. In 41 years MCCs are now in over 25 countries. MCC is arguably the largest and most influential religious movement for the LGBT community and our friends in the world.

Rev. Perry will share with us the dynamic and powerful stories of his personal spiritual journey and the history of MCC. Join us for this very special opportunity to talk with Troy Perry and hear him tell his own story and MCC,s story. Lunch will be included.

This sharing time will be followed by a book signing at which Troy Perry’s books will be for sale and he will be available to sign books from 2 to 3 pm. Troy will also sign his books from 6 to 7 pm, and preach at a special worship service at 7:30 pm. The book signings and worship service are free (there will be a love offering for Troy at the 7:30 worship service). Troy will also preach at Open Door’s regular 10 am service on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Send your registration and check for \$25 per person to Open Door MCC, PO Box 127, Boyds, MD 20841-0127. Limited space is available so please register today. You may pay at the door if that is more convenient, but we do need to have your registration listed because of the limited space and to arrange for lunch. Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. If you prefer you may reserve your registration by emailing me at [Adam@ChiRhoPress.com](mailto:Adam@ChiRhoPress.com).

grace and peace,  
Adam

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## **[NEW BLOG ENTRY – ONE BI GAL’S JOURNEY AND REFLECTIONS](#)**

Teri has made a couple of new entries. I always relate to her stories and always enjoy reading her blogs.

*You can read them at <http://christiangays.com/blog/teri.php>*

## WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP – PLEASE CLICK ON LINK

**digg** is a social news website made for people to discover and share content from anywhere on the Internet by submitting links and stories, and voting and commenting on submitted links and stories. Voting stories up and down is the site's cornerstone function, respectively called *digging* and *burying*. Many stories get submitted every day, but only the most *Dugg* stories appear on the front page.

In an effort to raise our statistics I have submitted an article to **digg** to see if we get any results from it. It would be most helpful to me if you would click on this link <http://digg.com/d318SiK> (You may be asked to subscribe.)

Read the article and if you like it, at the top of the page there is a button called "dugg!!" Please click it. You can also add a comment if you wish, notify people on Facebook, Twitter or by Email, or make it a Favorite.

Any interest you take in this article (by clicking on the links) will help ChristianGays.com stats.

I appreciate your help! Thank you!

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## POSTERS - TO ADVERTISE CG.COM AND DATING SERVICE

If any of you would like to help promote ChristianGays.com and spread the word about the website there are posters which can be downloaded and printed up to post at your church or local gay hangouts.

You will find the posters on the Donations page at <http://christiangays.com/donations.shtml>

If you do post them, I'd love to know about it. Please let me know where you've placed it/them. Thanks!

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## **HISTORY – SHRINE OF ST. CUTHBERT**

The ancient shrine of St. Cuthbert in Durham, England is a beautiful, massive Norman Cathedral with a wide black marble line, inlaid in the floor, stretching across the entire width of the nave.

The line was built in 1100 AD **"to keep women away from the main part of the church, to keep the altar and St. Cuthbert's holy shrine pure and free from the corrupting power of women."**

Women were not corrupt as the church once stated, and women now cross that line without a thought, (although the Pope has kept women from having equal rights within the ministry, but one day that will change, God willing), and one day the (invisible) line will disappear for gays. One day, it will be recognized that God created us ALL - men AND women, straight AND gay, EQUAL!

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## **NOW AVAILABLE - 2010 CALENDARS FROM CHI RHO PRESS**

Chi Rho Press has two calendars to offer for 2010, a **photo wall calendar** of Open Door Metropolitan Community Church, and our annual **Liturgical Calendar**.

View details of the **photo wall Calendar**, and order at this link: [http://www.chirhopress.com/products/ODMCC\\_Calendar.html](http://www.chirhopress.com/products/ODMCC_Calendar.html)

The Lectionary in the **Liturgical Calendar** is from the Revised Common Lectionary, widely used as the ecumenical consensus on readings for each Sunday and holy day in the three-year cycle of the church year. Our Liturgical Calendar is packed with useful information for planning worship and preaching in the local church. It is intended for use by pastors, musicians, altar guilds, teachers, theological students, and anyone using the Church Year as a basis for worship or education. The Liturgical Calendar is spiral bound so it can lie flat for easy use, in the popular 8 ½" x 11" format.

## **PSALM 23 – A DIFFERENT SPIN ON THE AGE OLD MESSAGE**

The Lord is my Shepherd = That's Relationship!

I shall not want = That's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures = That's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters = That's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul = That's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness = That's Guidance!

For His name sake = That's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = That's  
Testing!

I will fear no evil = That's Protection!

For Thou art with me = That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me = That's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies =  
That's Hope!

Thou annointest my head with oil = That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over = That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life =

That's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = That's Security!

Forever = That's Eternity!

Face it, the Lord is crazy about you.

*(thanks Frank!)*

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God bless,  
Mary

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