

Subject: The L Word

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BIG NEWS – HALLELUJAH! MARY IS ON HOLIDAYS

Mary is going to Florida on Monday to get warm for a couple of weeks. Will be back the middle of February.

CHANGE TO WEBSITE – SOCIAL GROUP AND CHAT ROOMS NOW ADULT ONLY

It has been necessary to change the **Social Group** and **Chat Rooms** to accepting only those who are 18 yo or older. This is not because we have any "adult content". We don't now, and we never will allow xxx content, but it is for our own legal protection.

On the **GLBTIQ Youth** page I have posted a message that if our young people can't find what they are looking for in the links on the page, they can write to me directly.

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

UPDATE – CHRISTIAN GAYS FACEBOOK PAGE

We are always trying to expand our visibility on the internet for others to find us, and to that end we created a Facebook Page about 3 weeks ago.

About 500 people have joined us so far, almost exclusively new folks, and they are sharing links to their welcoming churches, radio stations, their music compositions, essays and poems, etc. It's giving them a place to advertise.

No matter what you think of Facebook, it has certainly been beneficial for us, and I believe for many.

<http://www.facebook.com/#/pages/Oshawa-ON/Christian-Gays/241807094094?ref=ts>

NEW ARTICLE - "THE L WORD"

In 1999 I was struggling with my sexuality and my faith. I bought an old computer and found **Christian Lesbians**. It was a Godsend for me! I found others who were "like me". I'm sure that many of you know what it's like to feel that you're "the only one".

Anita Cadonau-Huseby was the Founder of **Christian Lesbians**, and her articles about Scripture and homosexuality were so well-written that, combined with other God-directed factors, it was soon easy to accept myself as a "Christian Lesbian". I will forever be indebted to Anita for giving me "a home".

In my opinion, Anita is one of the best educators on the subject of homosexuality and the Bible. I recently asked if I could put some of her articles on Christian Gays, and she most graciously agreed. It is my intention to set up a link specifically with Anita's articles that directly answer your questions about Scripture, and how we apply the "clobber verses" to our lives as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people.

In the meantime she has written, and I have posted, an article about the Nature of God - "**The L Word**".

Please get a taste of Anita's delightful sense of humour, her insight, and knowledge with this article, a predecessor to a whole new category which is to come.

<http://christiangays.com/articles/anita1.shtml>

JOBS – RAINBOW HEALTH ONTARIO (RHO) IS RECRUITING 5 COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKERS

Deadline for applications is 5pm, Thursday February 18th

Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO) is a program committed to improving access to services and promoting the health and wellbeing of our lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities.

We are currently recruiting 5 Outreach Workers for the following areas:

- *LHIN 4* – Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant which includes of Hamilton, Niagara Falls, and Brantford.
- *LHIN 5* – Central West, which includes Brampton, Caledon, and Orangeville
- *LHIN 9* – Central East, which includes Peterborough, Oshawa, Cobourg, and Haliburton
- *LHIN 10* – South East, which includes Bancroft, Trenton, Kingston and Brockville
- *LHIN 13* -- North East, which includes Timmins, Sudbury, North Bay and Kashechewan

To identify which LHIN you are in and to find out more about the new structure of health care in Ontario, please refer to,
<http://www.lhins.on.ca>

To get more information and an application package, please go to

<http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca/home/whatsnew.cfm>

OR

<http://www.sherbourne.on.ca/about/about-c.html>

TRANS PULSE PROJECT – HAS STARTED A NEW LISTSERV

Goal: To facilitate collaboration and resource sharing among trans activists and

allies with a focus on Ontario.

This is an invitation to join a new Ontario trans activism list serve. The goal is to facilitate collaboration and resource sharing among trans activists and allies with a focus on Ontario. List members can use the list to post events, share ideas and seek resources and support for work they are doing. Please forward this invitation to others. This idea grew out of conversations that took place this fall between Ontario trans activists relating to the Trans PULSE project, though this list is independent of any organization.

Guidelines:

Open to Anyone: The list is open to anyone to join. It will be most relevant for trans people and their allies who want to work toward social justice and stay informed about current trans activism and advocacy.

Appreciating Diversity: Trans people and allies on this list are acknowledged as being diverse in many ways including: identity; life experience; political beliefs; race; class; ability; etc. Navigating differences of opinion are understood to be part of community building.

Respectful Communication: All communication should be done with respect. List members will disagree but challenges, critiques and questions need to be presented in considerate ways. The goal is open communication, and since disrespectful messages close communication, people engaging in this will be reminded of the guidelines. Hate speech is not tolerated and will result in be removed from the list.

Collaboration, not Necessarily Discussion: The list is intended to be a collaboration tool and not a discussion forum per se. Discussions can certainly occur, though they may not need to include all list members.

Focused on, but not Exclusive to Ontario: The list focuses on Ontario (as it has come out of conversations between Ontario trans activists) but anyone is free to join and free to post information and events about issues relating to any location.

To join the new list, please send an email to trans.advocacy.ontario@gmail.com with the word subscribe in the subject line or unsubscribe to leave the list.

EVENT – PLAY IN LA JOLLA, CA

High-N-Low Production Presents " **Don't Label Me, Don't Limit Me**"

This play is about showing the love of Christ to all people, not labeling them and not limiting what God can do!

Theatre: Garfield Theatre
4126 Executive Dr , La Jolla Ca 92037

Box office: boxoffice@lfjcc.com or 858.362.1348

Show times:

Feb 5th @ 7pm
Feb 6th @ 12pm (Matinee)
Feb 6th @ 7pm

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All your dreams can come true, if you have the courage to pursue them. ~ Walt Disney

FYI - NETIQUETTE TIPS & ABBREVIATIONS FOR NEWBIES

We have quite a few newbies with us so here are some tips to help you with the internet

If you are inclined to type using only one case (i.e. upper or lower) then please use lowercase. If you write all in uppercase (i.e. capitals), then it is PERCEIVED AS SHOUTING.

Some abbreviations you may wish to use:

lol = laughing out loud
rofl = rolling on floor laughing
imo = in my opinion
imho = in my humble opinion
brb = be right back
ic = I see
otoh = on the other hand
bf/gf = boy/girlfriend
iow = in other words
tg = thank goodness/transgender
ty = thank you
yw = you're welcome

These abbreviations are used mainly by chatters so that they can communicate faster, but can also be used in emails if writing to someone who will understand them. I don't tend to use more than a couple of them myself because I have such a bad memory, and often in the chat rooms, I'll have to ask what an abbreviation stands for. So don't be shy if you don't remember what the letters mean. Just type them back with a question mark – eg. imo???? Someone will let you know what they're saying right away. It's not a secret code. It's just for the sake of speed in correspondence.

To you pros who use these terms all the time, if you'd like to send more to me, I'll start a page with them as a resource or put them in with the FAQ's. I'd also like to add more "Netiquette Tips" if you can think of any.

BIBLE TIPS

Although **Genesis** is the first book of the Bible, and is known as the "Book of Beginnings", it is not the oldest book of the Bible. The oldest book is **Job**.

The English word "homosexual" did not enter the English language until the end of the nineteenth century. This word did not appear in any English translation of the Bible until the Revised Standard Version was published in 1952. Therefore,

when reading a Bible which has this word appearing in it, the reader should be aware that the word has been put in it by the translators who have assumed or presumed that this is what the original writer intended.

~ excerpt from ***Homosexuality and Christian Faith*** by Frederick L. Pattison

*Note: Fred has updated this book. It is now called **Christians Combating Homophobia Among Christians** and is available from the Christian Gays Store at http://christiangays.com/store/product_info.php?cPath=31_48&products_id=198*

TIDBITS

If male homosexuals are called 'Gay', then female homosexuals should be called 'Ecstatic'. ~ Shelly Roberts

Drag is when a man wears everything a Lesbian won't. ~ Unknown

I'd rather be Black than Gay because when you're Black you don't have to tell your mother. ~ Charles Pierce

If the purpose of heterosexuality is the continuation of the gene pool, then the purpose of homosexuality is to make sure it is Olympic-sized with nice tile and plenty of lanes, and with nice terry cloth towels for everyone. ~ Bo Young

Protect marriage? Puhlease. With a 50 percent divorce rate, rampant domestic violence, Las Vegas drive-through chapels, and I wanna-marry-a-really-rich-guy reality TV shows, there's no way gays could trash marriage the way straight people have. ~ Good Times, Santa Cruz County News

They gave me a medal for killing a man, and a discharge for loving one. ~ Sergeant Leonard Matlovich

Lots more **Tidbits** at <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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