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Register Now for Tapestry 2006

This year's GLAD event will be held at the University of Indianapolis together with the annual events of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists and the United Church Coalition for LGBT Concerns. The event, Tapestry 2006, will be organized around the theme "Live, Love, Laugh and Lead."

Scheduled throughout the event, keynote speakers, preachers and worship, small group gatherings and workshops are planned to lift up the empowering aspects of what it is to be a person of faith in an affirming Christian community.

The University of Indianapolis, UINDY, is a newly renovated campus in the heart of the city. The buildings being used on campus are clustered together, with meeting locations and lodging air-conditioned and handicap accessible.

Registration for Tapestry is \$124. If you register early - by April 15 - registration is \$99. Late registration - after May 30 - is \$150. Shared rooms are available for \$75 and single rooms for \$120. Meals are \$60.

Just a few of the workshops planned for Tapestry

- Anti-racism/Pro-reconciliation
- Befriending the Bible
- Biblical Insights into Cultural Homophobia
- Christ Has No Hands But Our Hands
- Ethical Dating and Relationships
- Making the Case for Same-Gender Marriage

- Mentoring Queer Youth
- The Process of Coming Out: Implications for Ministry
- Sex-Sexuality-Spirituality
- Transgender Transitions
- Why the Welcoming Movement Needs Straight Allies
- Womens Health

TapestrySpeakers and Entertainers

Rita Nakashima Brock, from the Disciples tradition, will speak on Monday night. Dr Nakashima Brock is Visiting Scholar at the Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.

Harry Knox, formerly a United Methodist pastor, will keynote on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He is currently Director of HRC Religion and Faith Program.

Obadiah Ballinger, from the UCC tradition, is a student at Yale Divinity School. He will preach on Tuesday night.

Susan Sparks, preacher, lawyer, and comedian from the Baptist tradition, is scheduled to be Wednesday night's Preacher and Comedian.

Kenneth Samuel, from the Baptist tradition, will speak on Thursday night. Dr Samuel is adjunct professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Clark Atlanta University

Susan Drake and Julie Jennings, singer-songwriters and UCC ministers, will entertain on Tuesday night.

Andra Moran will serve as musician, choir leader, and perform throughout the event.

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Support...

Seminarians and students seeking financial assistance to attend Tapestry should contact GLAD's Development and Finance Team Leader, Randy Palmer, at rpalmer@gladalliance.org.

... and Supporting

Those wishing to support student scholarships for Tapestry may donate to the Chuck Carpenter Leadership Development Fund at www.gladalliance.org/contribution.html.

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David Coatsworth and Vance Martin Nominated for GLAD Council

The nominating committee, working with our Human Resources and Nominating Team, has selected two outstanding candidates to stand for election to the GLAD Council. David Coatsworth is new to the Council, and Vance Martin has been serving on the council for the past year. Vance was appointed to fill a vacant position on the council.

David R. (Dave) Coatsworth is from Tempe, Arizona. A lifelong

Disciple, Dave is currently a member of Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tempe, AZ. Dave holds a BS in Public Administration, along with an MBA degree. For 9 years he served in the US Air Force as pilot and instructor pilot. He has since served for 27 years in sales and sales management positions. He has been active in the Arizona Region and the General Church since 1983. In the Arizona Region he has been a member of the Mission Interpretation Team, Chair of the Finance Committee, Treasurer and Regional Moderator. He currently serves as the

volunteer staff member for Stewardship Education and Development. Within the General Church he has served as on the General Board.

David, who will be the only straight ally on the GLAD Council, says: "I hope to combine the gifts and ministry I've received, and use them to promote justice and interpret God's love for all the children in the family. I ultimately determined that this may be God's way of suggesting that I stretch"

Vance Martin is a native of Los Angeles. He is presently in

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charge of community-based offices of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Service that provide services to assist families to find employment.

Vance has been a member of United Christian Church (DOC), Los Angeles since 1961. His late uncle pastored Century Birch Street Christian Church, which was the earliest African American Disciples congregation in Los Angeles.

Vance served as the second vice-moderator of the General Assembly and was a Disciple delegate to the Consultation on

Church Union. He served on the Commission on Theology and with the Disciples-UCC Partnership Committee.

In the Pacific Southwest he has served as Vice Moderator and Moderator, has served on the Christian Social Concerns/Church in Society Committee, and has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Disciples Seminary Foundation.

Vance has also served on various academic ministries, including the Center for Sexuality and Christian Life at the Claremont School of Theology and has at-

tended the African American Roundtable of the Pacific School of Religion's Gay and Lesbian Center.

He has interests in book and art collecting including African American cinema posters, Latin American graphics, Afrocentric-themed entertainment and travel posters and advertisements from Europe, and sub-Saharan African masks, as well as 20th Century modern dance.

Read more about Dave and Vance at news.gladalliance.org