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Don't Miss Tapestry 2006

Over 200 people are already signed up for Tapestry 2006. Does that number include you? Registration is available at www.tapestry2006.org. The 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.

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 means to be a person of faith in an affirming Christian community.

Support...

GLAD members who are students, seminarians or low-income may apply for scholarships from the Chuck Carpenter Leadership Development Fund to attend Tapestry in June in Indianapolis. Reimbursements up to a total of \$250 per person are available for registration, travel, lodging and meals. For more information, contact Randy Palmer, Development and Finance Team Leader, at rpalmer@gladalliance.org or 724-850-8918.

... 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.

Tapestry Featured Speakers

Rita Nakashima Brock

Disciples preacher and Visiting Scholar at the Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.



Harry Knox

Human Rights Campaign Religious and Faith Program Director.



Kenneth Samuel

Professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Clark Atlanta University



Susan Sparks

Lawyer, comedian, ordained minister and preacher.



Discernment Ministry Team at Work

The Discernment Ministry Team has been busy promoting the General Church's discernment process on the church's response to lesbian and gay Christians.

The team had displays at the Annual Meeting of the Northern California-Nevada region of the Christian Church, April 28-30, Pacific Grove, CA and the Alabama-Northern Florida Regional Assembly, April 28-30, Snow Hill Christian Church in Mt. Willing, AL. A display was also provided by the regional discernment team at the Central Rocky Mountain Regional Assembly, May 4-5, Central Christian Church, Denver Colorado.

The team will also have a display at Mix in '06, the women's event in Indianapolis.

Lisa Haley staffed the display at the Northern California-Nevada meeting and reports that the display provided a valuable presence.

Jan Mackenzie staffed the display at the Alabama-Northern Florida meeting. She reports that Friday evening she didn't have much traffic at her table, so Saturday morning she took a turn at Speak Out to introduce herself and say a few words about the display. An elderly woman got up to speak in support of the material saying, "It was the best thing I've ever done." After that she had several people stopped by the display to talk.

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Richard Daetwiler reports that the display at the Central Rocky Mountain meeting was in the form of a worship center with the Listening to the Spirit books surrounding the Bible and Chalice. The regional discernment team also had regional and GLAD discernment brochures on display. They had a huge bowl with plastic eggs filled with chocolate and slips of paper with "Listening to the Spirit" written on them. Richard reports that the display attracted much attention.

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**'Out In Scripture'
Launches at HRC**

The Human Rights Campaign, which recently teamed up with the Institute for Welcoming Resources, has launched 'Out In Scripture.'

Out in Scripture is a lectionary based resource for sermons and Bible study. The first commentary, based on the lectionary readings for Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2006, includes reflections from Rev. Dr. Miguel de la Torre who teaches social

**Lesbian Disciples
Minister's Election as
Treasurer of Local
Ministers' Group Brings
Controversy**

Rev. Glenna Tibbs of First Christian Church was recently elected treasurer of a local ministers group. As a result, some members threatening to quit and others calling for an overhaul of the organization. Others don't see a problem.

Link to the full story at news.gladalliance.org.

**Faith in America
Campaign**

Faith In America works to challenge individuals and institutions that use religion to justify discrimination and persecution of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Rev. Jimmy Creech, Executive Director of Faith in America, spoke at the GLAD Banquet at the Charlotte General Assembly in 2003. For information about their work and to view their ad campaign see their website: www.faithinamerica.info

Crossbeams on the Web

Did you know that Crossbeams is also available on the web? The on-line version includes more stories and information than we can fit onto this piece of paper. You can also download resources for your congregation, including this month's paper version of Crossbeams, all at news.gladalliance.org.

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ethics at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO; Rev. Dr. Marvin M. Ellison who who teaches Christian ethics at Bangor Theological Seminary in Portland, ME; and Rev. Dr. Sandra Polaski who is a published New Testament scholar and Baptist minister.

Out in Scripture is available at <http://www.hrc.org/scripture/>