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GMP Appoints Group to Develop Strategies for Continuing Discernment

The 2005 General Assembly passed a resolution supported by GLAD requiring the office of general minister and president to create a group that would strategize about creative ways to continue the discernment process of hearing God's will for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in its ministry to and with gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual Disciples.

Sharon Watkins, general minister and president, has appointed a very diverse group representing the breadth of perspectives and experiences throughout the Church.

The group will be chaired by Doug Skinner, a Disciples pastor from Dallas, Texas, who helped write "Listening to the Spirit," the Church's first major effort in the process of discernment. Karen Barr, team leader of GLAD's Discernment Ministry Team, is also serving the church as part of this group.

The group gathered for its first meeting in Indianapolis Jan. 5-6 at Christian Theological Seminary and is expected to report to the General Assembly and other bodies where that may be helpful.

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Jesus' Diner

Always Open

All God's Children Served

Working with the General Church's theme for the 2007 General Assembly, "Share the Feast," GLAD's presence at the Ft. Worth Assembly in July will focus on the theme "Jesus' Diner - Always Open - All God's Children Served."

The tentative schedule of GLAD's events at the General Assembly includes:

- **GLAD Pre-Assembly Event:** Saturday July 21 at University Christian Church, Ft. Worth
- **GLAD Banquet:** Tuesday, July 24
- **GLAD Open & Affirming Aftersession:** Sunday, July 22

GLAD's General Assembly Planning Team is working to plan GLAD's presence at the assembly. If you can volunteer time or energy contact Mark Johnston at glad@gladalliance.org.

Information and registration for General Assembly is available at <http://www.disciples.org/ga/>.

Save the date and plan to be there!

Kelly Kirby accepts Development and Finance Team Leader Position

David Downing, leader of the Human Resources and Nominating Team, has announced that Kelly Kirby has accepted the team leader position of GLAD's Development and Finance Team.

Kelly, a former GLAD Council member, has been active in GLAD for many years. He has also served the Disciple's Peace Fellowship as their treasurer and as the financial chair for DPF's Executive Committee.

Kelly lives in Tulsa, OK, where he works as an accountant.

Bethany College Sponsors (RED)Week

To bring awareness to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa Bethany College, a Disciples related institution in Bethany, WV, will sponsor (RED) Week Feb. 4-10, to raise money for the battle against the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa. The project's goal is \$10,000 for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS.

More information on the events of (RED) week at Bethany is available at www.bethanywv.edu/welcome/news/

Does Religion Turn People Into Gay Haters?

Who is DJAN?

Find out at news.gladalliance.org

Job Announcement - National Field Organizer

The Association for Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, Gay and Lesbian Affirming Disciples, and the Welcoming Community Network, invite applications for a full time National Field Organizer. This grant-based position will be housed in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Field Organizer will utilize the tools of grassroots organizing and coalition building in order to increase the number of welcoming congregations in the Disciples, Baptist, Community of Christ, Church of the Brethren and Mennonite traditions. In collaboration with an Oversight Committee and the Director of the Institute for Welcoming Resources, the Field Organizer will develop ecumenical training

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General Administrative – meet regularly with an Oversight Committee to plan long and short term goals; fulfill all grant requirements; organize and maintain project records and files; maintain fiscal accountability.

Qualifications

- Experience in community organizing and training
- Sensitivity to lgbt community needs
- Biblical and theological knowledge
- Openness and appreciation for ecumenical work
- Strong writing, computer and communicating skills
- Willingness to travel
- Bachelor's degree required, graduate degree or compatible experience preferred

materials, organize training events, and provide follow up support to participants. In addition, the Field Organizer will offer consulting services to the four collaborating organizations to assist them in program and organizational development.

Areas of Responsibility

Community Organizing - develop curriculum for an ecumenical training in faith-based community organizing; plan and facilitate regional training events; recruit training leaders and participants; provide follow up support and counsel.

Organizational Consulting – assess strengths and needs of collaborating organizations in order to provide recommendations for strengthening the welcoming movement within each denomination; work with collaborating organizations to build organizational infrastructure and growth.

Other

Salary and benefits package of \$45,000 - \$50,000 depending upon experience.

For a full job description, go to www.WelcomingResources.org. To apply, submit cover letter and resume by February 10, 2007 to: NFO@WelcomingResources.org. Questions may be directed to Barbara Satin at Barbara@WelcomingResources.org or call 612.821.4397.

Qualified candidates will be considered for application without regard to gender, gender identification, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, height, weight, religion, ancestry, marital, economic or parenting status.