



INTERFACE

Houston InterFaith Alliance

The Newsletter of Gay and Lesbian
Religious Organizations in Houston



JUNE 1989

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we continue to celebrate the Pentecost Season, recalling the birth-day of the church, its only fitting that this is also the month we celebrate in cities all across America the 20th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. The Stonewall Rebellion of 1969 was the catalyst that awakened the Gay and Lesbian Movement from its lethargy.

The Houston Interfaith Alliance is proud to be part of the 29 events planned during Pride Week this year. We will present a "Day of Remembrance" at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur, on Thursday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Our program will chronicle the Lesbian and Gay Movement from the Greeks; through the evolution of the Gay community in Houston during the early 70s, until today. Come join us in remembering those who have suffered, died and fought oppression so you could be reading this column today.

The Bible teaches that someday all the suffering and evil of this world will be abolished, and a new day of peace and perfection will come. Only the human heart keeps us from having a world of peace and harmony. Believe in your own worth and dignity. BE PROUD!!!

ORGANIZATION'S COLUMN

Houston LDS Family

The Houston LDS Family is a group of Gays and Lesbians who are or were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, i.e. Mormons. We have come together as a group because although there are numerous religious organizations ministering to Gays and Lesbians, none has quite been able to satisfy our needs due to the uniqueness of Mormon doctrines and beliefs. We have found that for the most part, only other Mormons can fully understand the impact our affectional orientation has on our spiritual and cultural heritage as Latter-day Saints.

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Although our numbers are currently few, each member has a long time or even life time association with the LDS Church with most of us having served as missionaries and/or in leadership positions within the LDS Church. Over the last several years many of us have met together under the auspices of Affirmation, a nationwide organization dedicated to the social needs of gay and lesbian Mormons. This left our spiritual needs unfulfilled as the founders of Affirmation never intended for it to be a church, and instead encouraged us to continue to attend the LDS Church and push for reform from within.

With the passage of time, it became evident that due to the hierarchical and patriarchal structure of the LDS Church, change would not be forthcoming as our voices were silenced quickly through excommunication, and in those areas in the Western U. S. where the Church was dominant, by social and employment exclusion as well. Any straight member of the Church who sympathized with us were also fearful of confronting the Leadership of the Church for the same reasons.

Several years ago, however, a former bishop of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, excommunicated for his own gayness and seeking guidance from the Lord, was called to organize a new church based on the same principles as the existing church organized by Joseph Smith in 1830. The only difference between the two churches in fact are that the new church, the Restoration Church of Jesus Christ, welcomes a special outreach to Gays and Lesbians and believes in the ordination of women to the Priesthood of God.

Each member of the Houston LDS Family has expressed a desire to the leaders of the Restoration Church to become members of the body. Shortly, in June, leaders of the Restoration Church will visit Houston for the purpose of interviewing each of us to determine how and where we feel called to serve in the Kingdom and to call a presiding Elder for the Houston Family. We are all very excited by this new development in our lives, as for some of us it has been many years in the wilderness without the communion of like minded LDS brothers and sisters.

FUTURE EVENTS!!

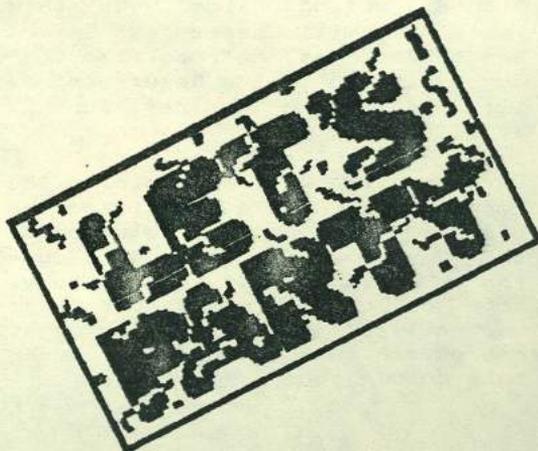
KINGDOM COMMUNITY CHURCH -----

"FOUNDERS DAY"

HOUSTON INTERFAITH ALLIANCE-----

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/CHANUKAH

SERVICE



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SPECIAL EVENTS

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH (CBC)
P.O. Box 66158
Houston, TX 77266-6158
3014 Center Street
Rev. Ronnie Pigg, Pastor 863-8846
Worship Services: Thurs at 7:30 pm.;
Sun 11:00 am. & 6:30 pm. (Sunday
School 9:30 am.)

CONGREGATION AYTZ CHAYIM (CAC)
(Jewish)
5800 Lumberdale Rd #2 (mailing addr)
Houston, TX 77092
Stuart Kane, President 688-8997

BAMM OF FAITH MCC (BFNCC)
10319 Sageyork
Houston, TX 77069
Larry Butler, Representative

DIGNITY/HOUSTON (D/H)
(Gay Catholics & Friends)
P.O. Box 66821
Houston, TX 77266-6821
Dignity Center 3217 Fannin 528-0111
Stan Ford, President
Mass: Saturdays at 7:30 pm.

HOUSTON INTERFAITH ALLIANCE (HIA)
621 E 10th St, (mailing address)
Houston, TX 77008
Phyllis Herring, President 880-3527
Business Meeting: First Monday of
each month, Bering Memorial Church,
1440 Harold at 7:45 pm.

HOUSTON LDS FAMILY (HLDSF)
528-4176/961-2703 for information
David Martin, Coordinator

INTEGRITY (I/M)
(Episcopalian)
P.O. Box 66008
Houston, TX 77266-6008
Autry House, 6265 So. Main 666-4536
Larry Dayball, Board Member 523-5660
Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Mon at 7:00

KINGDOM COMMUNITY CHURCH (KCC)
(Non-Denominational)
614 E 19th Street 863-8377
Houston, TX 77008
Barbara Honeycutt, Ministry Coordi-
nator. Worship Services: Sundays at
11:00 am. & Healing Prayer time
10:15 to 10:45 am.

MCC NEW FREEDOM IN CHRIST (MCCNFC)
(Ecumenical)
3322 White Oak
Houston, TX 77007
Rev. Ruby Grammer, Pastor 863-8377
Worship Services: Wed at 7:30 pm.;
Sundays at 11:00 am.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION (MCCR)
1919 Decatur
Houston, TX 77007
Rev. John Gill, Pastor 861-9149
Worship Services: Wed at 7:15 pm.,
Sundays at 10:45 am. & 7:15 pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

All events are held at the organi-
zations meeting location, unless
otherwise noted below.

THURSDAY

6/1
KCC - Introduction to Psychology of
Carl Jung at 7:15 pm. (session 3).

MONDAY

6/5
KCC - Bethel Teachers at 6:30 pm.

THURSDAY

6/8
KCC - Introduction to Psychology of
Carl Jung at 7:15 pm. (session 4).

SATURDAY

6/10
MCCNFC - Summer Fest at Spotts Park
12:00 Noon, w/BBQ, Volly Ball Tour-
nament & Gospel Concert at 7:00 pm.
\$7.00 adults, \$3.50 children.

MONDAY

6/12
KCC - Bethel Teachers at 6:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY

6/14
FLAG DAY !!!

FRIDAY

6/16
Gay & Lesbian Pride Week begins!
(through June 23)

SATURDAY

6/17
KCC - Meeting at 5:00 pm. Potluck
supper at 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY

6/18
Father's Day!
D/H - Dignity 15th Anniv. Pride
Week Boat Cruise on Buffalo Bayou.
\$15.00/person; leaves Allen's Land-
ing. 522-1603 for tickets.

KCC - Spiritual Gifts Seminar, 1:00
to 3:00 pm.

MONDAY

6/19
KCC - Bethel Teachers at 6:30 pm.

THURSDAY

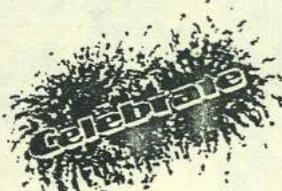
6/22
Interfaith Alliance NATIONAL DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM, 7:00 pm. at
MCCR, 1919 Decatur. Refreshments
in Fellowship Hall afterwards.

SUNDAY

6/25 - Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Para-
de and Celebration.

MONDAY

6/26
KCC - Bethel Teachers at 6:30 pm.





*"Day of
Remembrance"*

Thursday, June 22

7:00 pm

at

*Metropolitan Community
Church*

