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**Christian lesbians to meet**

The third biennial International Gathering of Christian Lesbians OUT Together will offer three days of connecting, strategizing and schmoozing with other out lesbian Christians, Aug. 10-13 at SUNY Brockport, 16 miles outside of Rochester, N.Y. For information, call (415) 487-5427, or write CLOUT, PO Box 460808, San Francisco, CA 94146.

**Kinship meeting**

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International will hold its 16th annual Kampmeeting from Aug. 20 to 27 near Portland. The Kampmeeting is a spiritual, social and fellowship retreat for Kinship



members, friends and families. The public is welcome to attend.

The theme of this year's event is "A Family Reunion." Several Adventist ministers who are lesbian and gay supportive will speak, and workshops on a variety of topics, including AIDS, commitment ceremonies and health, will be offered. New members will have a chance to tell their personal stories about growing up Adventist and gay or lesbian. Social time and business meetings will also be part of the event.

Kinship is a 19-year-old organization of gay and lesbian Seventh-day Adventists and includes both current and former members of the conservative religious denomination. For more information, call (714) 248-1299 or write PO Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92607.

**Unity churches speak out**

The Rev. William R. Clark, minister of Unity Church of Portland, reports that the Association of Unity Churches, in conjunction with the parent organization, Unity School of Christianity, has published a statement affirming human rights for all people.

In *Contact*, the Association of Unity Churches' official publication, association president Rev. Pat Barker wrote, "We believe that all people are created with sacred worth. Therefore we recognize the importance of serving all people within the Unity family in spiritually and emotionally caring ways. We strive for our ministries, publi-

cations and programs to reach out to all who seek support and spiritual growth. It is imperative that our ministries and outreaches be free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, physical disability or sexual orientation. Our sincere desire is to create a spiritually aware organization that supports nondiscrimination and diversity....

"[W]e support the modification of our facilities to make them accessible to all people regardless of physical challenge; the translation of all materials into Braille and other languages; and respect for the wonderful variety of human commitments and relationships.

"We encourage ministers and teachers and others within Unity to honor the strength of diversity within their spiritual communities. It is with love and in celebration of our unity, in the midst of our wondrous diversity, that we affirm this position."

For information about the Unity Church of Portland, call 234-7441, or write to 4525 SE Stark St., Portland, OR 97215.

**MCC affiliates convene in Atlanta**

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, an international Christian denomination which primarily serves gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, held its biennial general conference at the Atlanta Westin Peachtree Hotel at the end of July. Attendees included pastors and lay delegates from the more than 300 Metropolitan Community churches in the United States and abroad.

Paul Sherry, president of the United Church of Christ, addressed the gathering. In his role as president, Sherry continues the history of that church's support of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. The UCC ordained an openly gay man for the first time in 1972, and has supported the inclusion of gay and lesbian clergy in ecumenical agencies such as the National and World Councils of Churches.

Other featured speakers at the conference included Chris Glaser, author of *The Word Is Out*, a devotional guide for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals; Elizabeth Stuart, editor of *Daring to Speak Love's Name* and author of *Just Good Friends: Towards a Lesbian and Gay Theology of Relationships*; and Randall Bailey, associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches was founded in Los Angeles in 1968 by the Rev. Troy Perry, who is currently the organization's moderator.

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