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viewer to enter the strange world of "ex-gay" ministries and "conversion therapies." The film focuses on two former leaders of Exodus International, one of the first and biggest ex-gay ministries, who fall in love, leave Exodus and publicly denounce the "conversion" movement. A post-movie discussion will explore how to fight the right wing's anti-gay bigotry.

The video will be shown at the Bread & Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth St. A summer buffet, with a vegetarian option, will be served at 6:30 p.m. for a \$6 donation.

For more information, rides or child care, call 503-240-4462, e-mail rwpdx@igc.org or visit www.radicalwomen.com.

CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON FAITH AND FAMILY

Love Welcomes All—a pro-gay, faith-based program organized in response to an "ex-gay" conference that's coming to town—will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 21 at Zion United Church of Christ, 2025 N.E. 23rd Ave. in Gresham.

Free and open to the public, Love Welcomes All is a community-wide, faith-based professional conference geared for individuals who are just coming out as well as parents, friends, teachers, counselors and clergy who love them. Experts in psychology and theology will offer workshops to reduce fear, misunderstanding and violence toward queers. Attendees also will meet sexual minority people from a variety of faith communities.

Portland native Brett Webb-Mitchell, an associate professor of Christian nurture at Duke University Divinity School and a published scholar, will offer the keynote address and closing remarks. Six workshops will address:

- My faith journey: Christians reconciling faith life and sexual life.
- Exodus from Exodus: People formerly involved in the ex-gay movement speak out about their experiences.
- Why "reparative therapy" destroys more than it repairs: Mental health professionals bring their perspectives to GLBT issues.
- Young, queer and Christian: Making a place for all of us.
- Family values means we value our families: Parents of gay, lesbian and questioning adult children share their stories.
- Opening the doors to all God's children: Churches reflect on their decisions to become welcoming congregations.

On the eve of the conference, popular lesbian Christian music artist Marsha Stevens will perform. The free concert begins 7 p.m. June 20 at the church.

Love Welcomes All is a grassroots initiative similar to events in other cities around the country that responded to Love Won Out, an anti-gay conference presented by Focus on the Family, which is scheduled to gather the same day at New Hope Community Church in Clackamas.

"The root of homophobia in American culture is Christian fundamentalism," says the Rev. Glenna Shepherd, Metropolitan Community Church of Portland pastor. "The crux of the matter is that civil rights and full inclusion—real integration for GLBT people—won't be achieved until we address fundamentalism.

Christians need to deal with these issues and enter into a dialogue with each other and hear each other, even if we don't agree. Love Welcomes All provides a beginning, because it shows that there is a Christian perspective that opposes the fundamentalist belief in reparative therapy, that instead emphasizes loving acceptance and support."

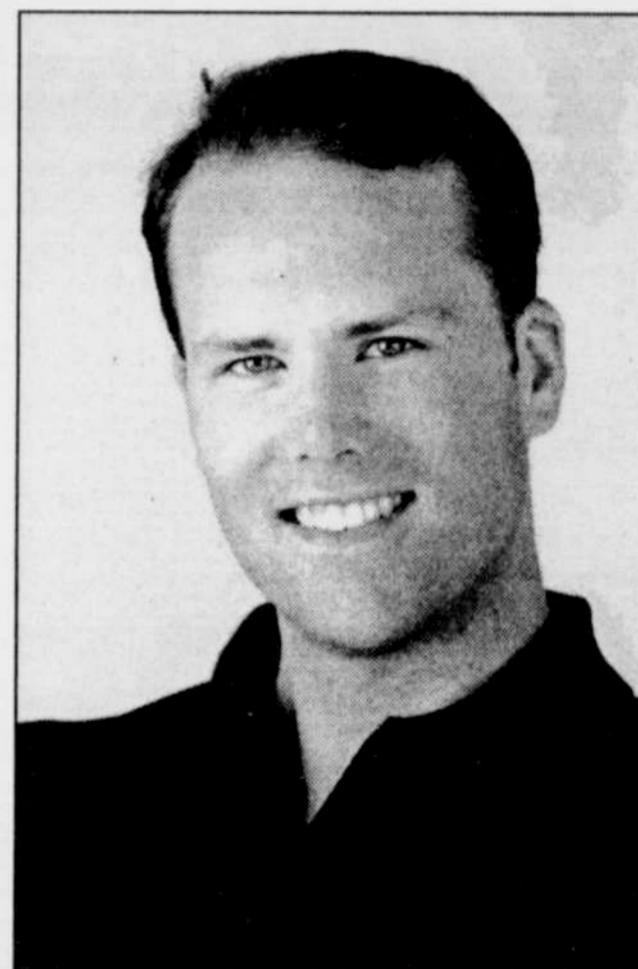
For more information call 503-813-2049 or visit www.lovelwelcomesall.org.

EQUITY FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Equity Foundation—a nonprofit that distributes money to gay-friendly charities—announced May 15 the addition of four members to its board of directors.

Kregg Arntson is a public information officer for Portland General Electric. He is a member of the YMCA's Public Relations Advisory Committee, served as committee chairman for the 2001 and 2002 AIDS Walks and volunteers for Our House of Portland. In August 2002 *The Portland Business Journal* recognized him as one of the city's "Forty under 40" for his business and civic leadership. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance from Boston University.

Anne Marie Elder, who works for Intel as a fab program manager, has 25 years of experience in the semiconductor manufacturing industry in the United States, Europe and Asia. Her community activities focus on education, mentoring and diversity. Elder also teaches courses in



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acceptance of diversity at Intel University. She holds bachelor's and associate's degrees in math.

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