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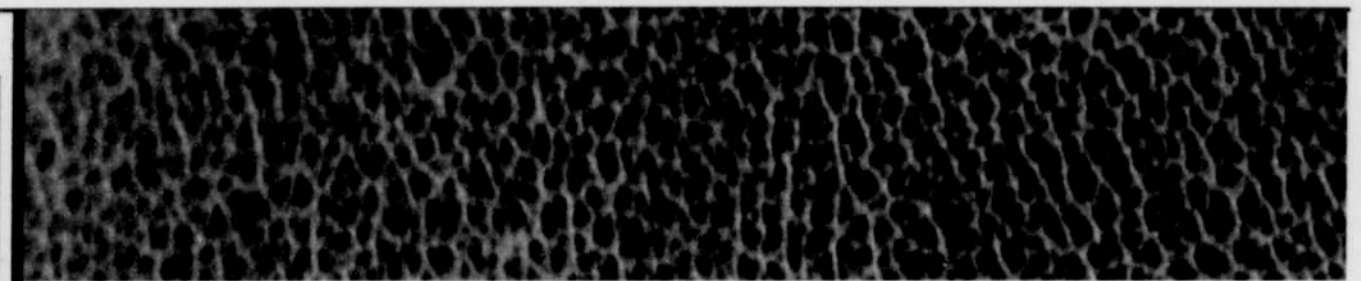
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lawmaker from 1991 to 1997—from removing racist, restrictive language from housing deeds to strengthening the state's bicycle laws—she will be forever associated with fighting discriminatory ballot measures brought by the OCA.

Shibley is an administrator for the Environmental Public Health division of the Oregon Department of Human Services. She recently created an award and fund for young, politically pioneering lesbians such as her called the Lyle D. Shibley Fund, named after her father.

TARA WILKINS

Modeling Christian behavior

Claim to Fame: As executive director of Community of Welcoming Congregations, helped pass the nondiscrimination and domestic partnership laws in 2007 by providing testimony to the Oregon Legislature. Married Multnomah County's same-sex couples in 2004.

So They Say: "Anti-gay preachers who try to pass off their bigotry as 'biblical truth' or 'Christian values' need to be called out. There are no good biblical arguments against being same-gender loving." (Sept. 29, 2008)



Who's Next:

Valerie Sillman, a Community of Welcoming Congregations intern with a "sophisticated understanding of political organizing in the faith community and the power of language."

The Rev. Tara Wilkins has been active in the peace and queer civil rights movement since coming out in her 20s. The Community of Welcoming Congregations, founded in the '90s, leapt further into relevance when it supplied clergy to conduct the briefly legal same-sex marriages in Multnomah County. The organization has since added its 100th member congregation and affiliated organization in Oregon.

The Community of Welcoming Congregations also raised the conversation about faith and gen-

der at the National Transgender Conference in 2006, with the next one in April 2009, and the Transforming Faith: Divining Gender program, next scheduled for August 2009.

Wilkins is applying for a summer program at the San Francisco Theological Seminary to earn a doctorate of ministry.

BONNIE TINKER

Social change activist

Claim to Fame: Founding director of Bradley-Angle House and founding chairwoman of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

So They Say: "I think things will heat up again as we begin to tackle the issue of same-sex



marriage. Let's face it: We've come a long way, but there's still so much work to be done." (May 3, 1996)

Who's Next: Khalil Edwards of Unity Project of Oregon.

Bonnie Tinker, founder and executive director of Love Makes a Family, has been organizing for a progressive platform for as long as she's been alive. As a Quaker, she was active in the peace movement during the Vietnam War. That led to her involvement in the feminist movement, where Tinker attended a meeting as founding chairwoman of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, where the phrase "domestic violence" replaced "battered women."

In 1993, she founded Love Makes a Family and appeared on several television talk shows, including *20/20* and *The Ricki Lake Show* with her partner, Sara Graham, and their three children.

The war in Iraq brought Tinker back to peace demonstrations, and she was arrested for blocking entrances to military recruiting offices and protesting the presence of a tank in the 2007 Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade.

In the spirit of "changing hearts and minds," Tinker and others with Love Makes a Family have attended the Oregon State Fair for the past five years to speak directly with opponents about family equality.

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