

THE *Journey*

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15th Annual Evergreen Conference Schedule Highlights

☞ Friday, September 16th

Dr. Sterling Ellsworth, noted counseling psychologist and author (*Getting to Know the Real You, How I Got This Way and What To Do About It*) will present the keynote address.

Dr. Janet Scharman, Vice President of Brigham Young University and an Evergreen Trustee will address the issue of the priesthood and women.

Karol Truman, the author of *Feelings Buried Alive Never Die*, will present two workshops appropriate for general audiences.

Mari-Carmen Leri, MSW, a respected therapist from Spain will be presenting a workshop for Spanish speaking conference attendees.

Dr. Jerry Harris, the director of LDS Family Services in Provo will be presenting a workshop on the various types counseling modalities.

Lilli Anderson, LCSW a popular Evergreen presenter and Church speaker will talk about what it means to be a daughter of God.

Robert Heaton, LCSW a long time member of NARTH and a loyal Evergreen affiliate supporter will present a workshop on talking to others about same-sex attraction issues.

Other scheduled presenters:

Michael Cox, LCSW

Dennis Perkins, LCSW

Ed van Gass

Lee Chambers

☞ Saturday, September 17th

Elder James O. Mason an emeritis member of the Quorum of the Seventy will deliver our General Authority address. In addition to his various callings as a Church leader, Dr. Mason served as the Assistant Secretary of Health in the Department of Health and Human Services and headed the U.S. Public Health Service.

Rod Jeppson, author of the new book *Lord I Believe, Help My Unbelief, Turn Yourselves and Live*, and several other popular publications on compulsive sexual behaviors.

Elder Bruce Bingham former member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy and an Evergreen Trustee will address the subject of Church disciplinary councils.

Lewis Boone, LCSW will provide a workshop designed for couples on building intimacy in marriage.

Kris Plummer, LCSW will provide a workshop on both Friday and Saturday addressing the needs of women strugglers.

Michael J. Merchant, the President of ANASAZI Foundation will be making several major presentations throughout the conference.

Other scheduled presenters:

Shawn Evans, LCSW

Jim Stringham, Ph.D.

Perriann Beyers, LCSW & Steve Beyers, LPC

Training Session for Affiliate Group Leaders & Advisors

Thursday, September 15, 2005

1:00 to 4:00 (lunch served)

Evergreen Headquarters

The second annual leadership training session will be held at the new Evergreen headquarters, 307 West 200 South, Suite 4006 on the Thursday afternoon before conference.

Representatives of existing Evergreen affiliate groups and those interested in starting a new affiliate in their area are invited to participate. Please contact Rebekah at the office and let her know how many will be attending from your group.

The leadership training session will address the subject of developing a plan to encourage growth and accountability among group members. There will also be time for leadership idea exchange and a question and answer session.

Rapid Response Team Being Formed

Many of us have been frustrated over the years by misrepresentations in the popular media of the doctrines of the Church as they pertain to homosexuality. The most disturbing of these mischaracterizations seem to come from disaffected or former church members. Now there is something you can do! Evergreen is forming a “rapid response team” to reply to this disinformation campaign.

When these media stories appear or pressure is being placed on institutions to modify their opposition to homosexual behavior these organizations need to hear from us. This is how the program will work. Members of the rapid response team will receive via email the important information (news story, description of the activity), suggestions of possible responses, and a rapid way to contact the organization concerned. Being a member of the rapid response team would not require you to identify why you are responding to the issue beyond your concern as an involved citizen.

Sadly, this type of activity is becoming more important than ever before. The radical gay and lesbian community is highly organized and well funded. They devote thousands of hours in an attempt to influence both public perception and policies. Meanwhile, most of us are busy raising our families, attending to our church responsibilities, and (frankly) minding our own business. The media and opinion leaders seldom hear from us, and our silence is costing us dearly. Our values and concerns are being forgotten. Joining the rapid response team is a fast and easy way for you to change this trend.

If you are interested in joining the team or getting more information please contact us at info@evergreeninternational.org. Because all communication will take place through email correspondence you can participate from any location in the world.

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Rapid Response

Evergreen Bookstore

New Books!

Restoring Sexual Identity

Anne Palk

Anne is the co-author of the popular book, *Love Won Out* and tells how she left a lesbian identity twenty years ago to follow Christ's calling in her life. *Restoring Sexual Identity* offers answers to the difficult questions asked by both women desiring change and by friends and family members of women struggling with same-sex attraction.

My Darling from the Lions

Janice Barrett Graham

This new book journals an LDS mother's life-changing spiritual journey paralleling her son's struggle and success in overcoming pornography addiction and homosexual tendencies. Dr. Dean Byrd notes that the real hero is Daniel whose indomitable spirit allows him to traverse some rough terrain to become whole again.

Gay Children, Straight Parents

Richard Cohen, MA

A new book by former homosexual and psychotherapist Richard Cohen (*Coming Out Straight*) writing about how gays and lesbians can experience growth with his 21-step treatment plan. This book talks about how many “gay” children feel and think, and how parents can build a more loving, intimate relationship.

New Books by Conference Speakers

Lord I Believe; Help My Unbelief

Rod W. Jeppsen

This is a book for family members (wives in particular) who desire to help a loved one conquer compulsive sexual addictions. This is a Christ-centered pathway for healing with twelve chapters discussing principles for spiritual and emotional healing.

Feelings Buried Alive Never Die

Karol K. Truman

This is a revised and updated edition of a book that not only tells you why you feel the way you feel, but how those feelings all started. She addresses the importance of resolving buried feelings and introduces the concept of “Scripting.”



A Worker's Prayer

I am your servant, God.
Where you want me to go, I will go.
Point the direction. Show me the way.
You called me to work with your people.
They want to hear your voice, Father.
They want to know you.
Help me to show them the Creator of the
universe.

Send me enthusiasm when I don't feel
enthusiastic.

Send me patience when I am out of it.
Send me large shoulders to lean and cry on.
Send me ears to hear things that aren't being
said.

Send me eyes to see beneath the surface.
Send me words to say when they ask the hard
questions.

Give me the ability to laugh at myself.
I am your servant, God.

Where you want me to go, I will go.
Point the direction. Show me the way.

Dedicated to our Evergreen affiliate advisors & volunteers.
Thank you!

Remember the Conference registration
discount dates:

\$20 off by August 15th

\$10 off between August 16th and 31st

News & Notes:

- Thank you to all who participated in our April Evergreen Fireside. It was conducted by Blake Wright and Elder Bruce Bingham. Our featured speaker was Dr. Michael Wilcox the author of *Don't Leap with the Sheep* and *Fire in the Bones*. Mike Gustaveson of the Salt Lake Friends and Family group gave a wonderful testimony. A special thanks to "Big D" who provided the wonderful, homemade cookies!
- David Pruden, our Executive Director, will be speaking at a regional AMCAP conference for 18 stakes in the Washington, D.C. area on October 15, 2005. Plans are underway to create a small Evergreen mini-conference for families and strugglers in that area on the same weekend.
- October is also the month when a mini-conference is being planned for the Idaho Falls area. If you are interested in Evergreen bringing a mini-conference to your area, please call the office and talk to Rebekah. We would love to bring the Evergreen message to ecclesiastical leaders, families, and affiliate members in your area.
- Dr. Michael Buxton and David Pruden were invited to speak at the BYU Women's Conference in April. About 300 conference attendees came to the presentation. It generated many telephone calls asking for further information or assistance.
- We want to thank those of you who continue to make regular financial contributions to Evergreen. If you have never made a contribution before, or for those of you who might be considering making another donation at this time, please do so now. We need your support.
- The book *Out of Egypt* now has a workbook that is a companion publication. Both are available through the Evergreen Bookstore.
- If you are interested in information concerning genetics and homosexuality may we recommend the web site www.mygenes.nz, an excellent site by Dr. Neil Whitehead.
- If you are interested in scientific data or research on homosexuality try the web site and bookstore of the National Association of Research and Therapy of Homosexuality at www.narth.org.

The Evergreen Mission Statement

Evergreen is founded on the belief that the atonement of Jesus Christ enables every soul the opportunity to turn away from all sins or conditions, which obstruct their temporal and eternal happiness and potential.

Evergreen attests that individuals can overcome homosexual behavior and can diminish same-sex attraction, and is committed to assisting individuals who wish to do so.

Evergreen provides education, guidance, and support to those involved in the transition from homosexuality, and is available as a resource to family, friends, professional counselors, religious leaders, and all others involved in assisting individuals who desire to change.

Evergreen sustains the doctrines and standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints without reservation or exception, but is not affiliated with the LDS Church. Evergreen welcomes all people who wish to participate in the pursuit of these goals.

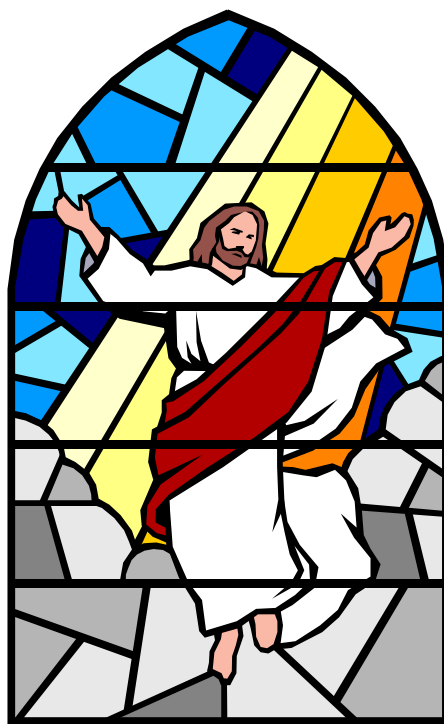
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We are currently seeking to establish an e-mail edition of the Journey. Please contact at our web site www.evergreeninternational.org to subscribe to the e-mail edition.

Alma 13:28

But that ye would humble yourselves before the Lord, and call on his holy name, and watch and pray continually, that ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear, and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and all long-suffering;



Upholding His standards. Expressing His love.

If you or your affiliate has any news please let us know. We want to encourage individual members to contribute testimonies, articles, and poetry to be included in the next edition of *Journey*.

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