Pope Francis has unlocked a new era of openness and dialogue on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) topics. Yet, injustices still abound. LGBT people are fired from church employment, excluded from sacraments, and become victims of discrimination in the name of religious liberty. It is time for the Catholic community to explore how mercy and justice can work for LGBT people.
Pope Francis, Social Ethics, and LGBT People
Rev. Bryan Massingale, a Professor of Theology at Fordham University, New York, served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. Author of over eighty books and articles, his *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* won first prize from the Catholic Press Association.

Religious Liberty, Employment, and LGBT Issues
Leslie C. Griffin is the William S. Boyd Professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she teaches constitutional law. Her books and articles largely deal with interdisciplinary work in law and religion. She is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar.

Friday and Saturday Morning Scriptural Reflections
Bishop John Stowe is the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. He is a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual and served as Vicar Provincial of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation. He was the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

Sexual Ethics and Same-Sex Marriage
Lisa Fullam is an Associate Professor of Moral Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California, where she specializes in Virtue Ethics, medical and sexual ethics, the intersection of ethics and spirituality, and Ignatian spirituality. Her scholarly articles include “Civil Same-Sex Marriage: A Catholic Affirmation.”

The Catholic Church, Criminalization Laws, and the LGBT Experience in Uganda
Frank Mugisha is the Executive Director of Sexual Minorities Uganda, the leading organization of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex movement in Uganda. In 2009, he led a massive march to stop the Anti-Homosexuality Bill in Uganda. He was awarded the UN’s Human Rights Defenders Recognition in 2010 and the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in 2011.

Saturday Afternoon Prayer Service
Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, a retired auxiliary bishop of Detroit, is a leading voice for peace, justice, and civil rights in the Catholic Church today. He has been advocating for acceptance of LGBT persons since 1992 when he first spoke publicly about his gay brother, Dan.

Gay Men in Priesthood and Religious Life
Rev. Warren Hall, a gay priest, was removed from his position as Director of Campus Ministry at Seton Hall University, New Jersey, because of his support of LGBT equality. Over a year later, he was suspended from priestly duties by the Archdiocese of Newark because of his outreach work to LGBT communities.

Hispanic Catholic Culture and LGBT Issues
Elsie Miranda, a Cuban American, is an Associate Professor of Theology at Barry University, Florida, and serves as Director of Ministerial Formation. Her research includes inter-cultural and theological formation for ministry and queer theology. She contributed to *Hispanic Ministry in the 21st Century: Present and Future.*
Friday, April 28, 2017

1:00 PM Symposium Registration Opens
6:30 PM Plenary Session
   Welcome
   BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM, CONV.
   —Opening Prayer
   Introduction
   REV. BRYAN MASSINGALE
   —Pope Francis, Social Ethics, and LGBT People
9:30 PM Dessert Reception

Saturday, April 29, 2017

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM Plenary Session
   BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM, CONV.
   —Morning Prayer
   LESLIE GRIFFIN—Religious Liberty, Employment, and LGBT Issues
10:30 AM Coffee/Tea Break
11:00 AM Focus Session 1
   A. Challenges of LGBT Church Workers—COLEEN SIMON, MARGIE WINTERS & ANDREA VETTORI
   B. Gay Men in Priesthood and Religious Life—REV. WARREN HALL
   C. Hispanic Catholic Culture and LGBT Issues—ELSIE MIRANDA
   D. Lesbian Nuns: Gift to the Church—DIANA RAWLINGS, ASC
3:00 PM Plenary Session
   Liş FULLAM—Sexual Ethics and Same-Sex Marriage
5:45 PM Reception
6:15 PM Dinner (on your own)
8:30 PM Open Space

Sunday, April 30, 2017

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM Plenary Session
   Morning Prayer
   FRANK MUGISHA—The Catholic Church, Criminalization Laws, and the LGBT Experience in Uganda
10:30 AM Coffee/Tea Break
11:00 AM Eucharist
12:30 AM Departure

PRE-SYMPOSIUM RETREAT—Justice and Mercy: Our Faith Challenge

Pope Francis has called us to be a church of justice and mercy. What spiritual gifts and practices do we need as we work for a church that lives the qualities of justice and mercy in regard to LGBT issues? Spend a day praying on this theme with Sr. Simone Campbell.

Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, is Executive Director of NETWORK, a Catholic social justice lobby organization. She led three cross-country Nuns on the Bus trips, focused on economic justice, comprehensive immigration reform, and voter turnout. She has been featured in the national and international media, including appearances on 60 Minutes, The Colbert Report, and The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. She is the author of A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community.

Registration available on Thursday, April 27, 7-9 PM. Includes breakfast and lunch.
Challenges of LGBT Church Workers

Colleen Simon is a case manager for Journey to New Life, an organization that assists those who were incarcerated. She was fired as the Coordinator for Social Ministry at St. Francis Church, in Kansas City, Missouri, when the local newspaper mentioned her marriage to Rev. Donna Simon, a Lutheran pastor.

Margie Winters was fired from her job as Director of Religious Education at Waldron Mercy Academy, Pennsylvania, because of her marriage to her partner, Andrea Vettori. She is an associate member of the Sisters of Mercy. Along with her wife, she directs DAWN: Diversity All Are Welcome Now.

Andrea Vettori is a vowed member of the Companions in Mercy, a lay community incorporating the charism of the Sisters of Mercy. She has taken a life-long vow of prayer, community, and ministry to the poor. When her wife, Margie Winters, was fired because of their marriage, Vettori began speaking publicly on LGBT issues.

Lesbian Nuns: Gift to the Church

Diana Rawlings, ASC, served her religious community in leadership, vocation ministry, and co-chair of the Precious Blood LGBT Ministry Team. Since 2005, she has assisted New Ways Ministry’s conferences for lesbian sisters, congregational leaders, and formation/vocation personnel.

LGBT Parish Ministry

Cristina Traina is a Professor of Religious Studies at Northwestern University, Illinois, where she teaches Christian theology and ethics. She writes and speaks on many topics in ethics, including sexuality. She is a long-time member of the St. Nicholas Gay and Lesbian Family and Friends Ministry in Evanston.

Barbara Marian is a member of the Gay-Lesbian & Family and Friends Ministry at St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston, Illinois. She served on the Diocese of Rockford’s Liturgical Commission. She has a lesbian daughter and is active in the organizations, PFLAG and Fortunate Families.

Transgender & Intersex Identities and the Family

Nicole Santamaria, a Salvadoran intersex woman, has survived three attacks against her life because of her advocacy for gender and sexual minorities. In 2013, she addressed the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States in Washington, DC on hate crimes against the LGBTI community.

Deacon Raymond Dever has served in pastoral ministry for 25 years in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. A retired engineer, he is the father of three children, one of whom is transgender. His family’s story of LGBT acceptance was featured in The Huffington Post, Buzzfeed, and Bondings 2.0.

Lexi Dever is an artist, activist, and designer in Washington, DC, and works as the Marketing Coordinator for Georgetown University's LGBTQ Resource Center. She is on the Alumni Support Board for the IgnatianQ Conference, an annual conference of Jesuit colleges on LGBTQ issues.

Youth, Young Adult Ministry, and LGBT Questions

Michael Maher is a parish-based campus minister at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago His 2001 book, Being Gay and Lesbian in a Catholic High School, was the first research published on the topic. He has authored more than 30 articles, books, and presentations on youth and homosexuality.
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Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Springfield, IL
Eighth Day Center for Justice, Chicago, IL
Elephants in the Living Room, Detroit, MI
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Getting to CHICAGO

United Airlines, the official carrier for the Symposium, is offering discounts off fares for symposium travel to Chicago O’Hare between April 24 and May 3, 2017.

Book online at www.united.com. Click “all search options” at the bottom of the “Book travel” box. Complete travel information. Put offer code “ZXFF322358” in “Promotion and certificate” box at the bottom.

Book by phone (plus a booking service fee). Call the United Reservations Meetings Desk at 800-426-1122. Provide offer code ZXFF322358.

Complimentary shuttle service between Chicago O’Hare airport and the Hilton Rosemont Chicago O’Hare Hotel.

OPEN SPACE

Participants can propose a topic of interest for an open space session on Saturday evening, April 29, at 8:30 pm.

To request an “Open Space” meeting, send title, a one or two sentence description, and name of person leading the discussion. Place this information on the registration page and send by March 17, 2017.

The title, but not the person’s name, will be listed in the program booklet.

“Open Space” meetings can also be added, on a space available basis, at the Symposium.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Rosemont Chicago O’Hare Hotel
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5500 North River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018
(847) 678-4488

Room rates:
$124 (single or double), $149 (triple), or $174 (quad), plus 14% tax.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm; check-out is noon. Room rates apply April 27 to April 30, 2017. Based on availability, room rates also apply 3 days before and 3 days after the event.

Reservations via telephone at 1-888-452-6943; use the Group Code: NWM.


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