

Listen

Listen to the stories of lesbian sisters who discovered their sexual orientation before, or during, community life.

Enjoy

Enjoy time for leaders and formation/vocation ministers to share conversation, prayer, and laughter with lesbian religious.

Learn

Learn why, when, or whether a lesbian religious needs to come out.

Discuss

Discuss how to create forums for conversation in religious congregations about lesbian and gay issues.

Share

Share personal stories and information in a relaxed setting.

Conference Schedule

Saturday, April 16, continued

- 3:00-4:15 pm Diana Rawlings, ASC
Intrinsically Equal and Objectively
Misunderstood: Coming Out within
Community Life
Quiet reflection, small group sharing
- 4:15-4:20 Break
- 4:20-5:10 Large Group Discussion
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Liturgy with the Convent Community
- 8:00 Social and movie, "Hannah Free"

Sunday, April 17

- 8:20-9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:15-12:00 The Grace of Coming Home
Ritual, Integration, and Action
- 12:00 Departure

Registration Information

Registration (\$165 by January 15 or \$175 after January 15) includes accommodations, Friday supper, meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. Travel scholarships are available. For more information, call 301-864-3604, e-mail info@NewWaysMinistry.org or write New Ways Ministry, 4012 29th St., Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

When Making Flight Plans...

We will try to provide transportation to/from the Pittsburgh or Youngstown airports.

Please arrange flights as follows:

Pittsburgh airport: arrive before 2:00 pm, April 15; depart after 3:00 pm, April 17

Youngstown airport: arrive before 2:30 pm, April 15; depart after 2:30 pm, April 17

Courage and Community— Coming Out and Coming Home



Art by Donna Korba, IHM

A weekend conference for women religious who are lesbian, congregational leaders, and formation/vocation ministers.

April 15 – April 17, 2011

Villa Maria Retreat Center
2105 Evergreen Road
Villa Maria, PA 16155
(near Youngstown, Ohio)
724-964-8861

Facilitators



Sandy Yost, CSJ



Deidre Jordy, SP

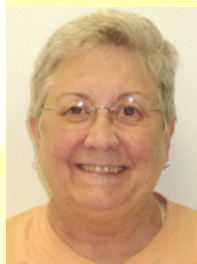
Speakers



Diana Rawlings, ASC



Maco Cassetta, CND



JB Schammel, SSND

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 15, 2011

- 4:00 pm Check-in and Social
 5:30 Supper
 7:00 Welcome & Introductions
 Praying our Way to
 Communal Openness and
 Inclusion
 9:00 Social

Saturday, April 16

- 8:20-9:00 am Breakfast
 9:00-9:30 Prayer and Ritual
 9:30-10:30 Maco Cassetta, CND
 Risking the Sacred Journey:
 Coming Out of Exile
 Reflection, table sharing and
 group sharing
 10:30-10:45 Break
 10:45-11:45 Maco Cassetta, CND
 What is in Your Closet?
 Fostering a Communal
 Culture of Acceptance and
 Welcome
 Reflection, table sharing and
 group sharing
 12:00-1:30 Lunch
 1:30-2:45 pm J. B. Schammel, SSND
 Finally Finding JB: Coming
 Out before Community Life
 Quiet reflection, small group
 sharing
 2:45-3:00 Break
 3:00-4:15 pm Diana Rawlings, ASC
 Intrinsically Equal and Objec-
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Please register me for Courage and Community – Coming Out and Coming Home, April 15-17, 2011

Registration fee: \$165 by January 15 or \$175 after January 15, payable to New Ways Ministry

Check all that apply: Lesbian Sister Community Leader Formation/Vocation Minister

Name _____ Congregation _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please mail to New Ways Ministry, 4012 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.