

Facilitators



Jeannine Gramick, SL

Sister Jeannine has been involved in lesbian/gay ministry since 1971. The award-winning film, *In Good Conscience: Sister Jeannine Gramick's Journey of Faith* documents how she continues to follow her call as a Sister of Loretto for LGBT persons.

Fran Fasolka, IHM

Sister Fran is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, Pa. She serves as director of communications for her congregation. She has been involved with WjW since 1995.



Listen

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

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

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

Learn

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

Share personal stories and information in a safe setting.

Share

Discuss

Conference Schedule

Sunday, April 13, 2014

8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00	Change: Looking to the Future
10:00	Eucharist with Franciscan Community
11:30	Sharing information and evaluation Closing Prayer
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30	Departure

Registration Information

Registration (\$175 by January 15 or \$185 after January 15) includes accommodations, Friday supper, meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. 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 Philadelphia International Airport.

Please arrange flights as follows:

- ▶ Arrive before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11
- ▶ Depart after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13

Courage, Commitment, and Change



A weekend conference for dialogue among
lesbian sisters, congregational leaders, and
formation & vocation ministers

April 11 - April 13, 2014

Franciscan Spiritual Center
609 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014
(near Philadelphia airport)
610-558-6152
fsc@osfphila.org

Speakers



Helen Marie Burns, RSM

Sister Helen Marie is an educator, administrator, and leader among U.S. women religious. She is a past president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and currently serves as vice-president of mission integration at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, Pennsylvania.

Jeanne Christensen, RSM

Sister Jeanne is a Sister of Mercy living in Kansas City, Missouri, where she ministers as a justice advocate.



Prayer Leaders



Diana Rawlings, ASC

Sister Diana is a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. She has served her community both in leadership and as vocation director. Presently she works with women survivors of domestic abuse, a ministry sponsored by her community. She is a member of the Precious Blood LGBT Ministry Team and has participated in the WjW retreats since their beginning.

Mary Jennings, CDP

Sister Mary is a sister of Divine Providence from the Northern Kentucky area. She ministers with families at St. Francis Serpha Ministries.



Conference Schedule

Friday, April 11, 2014

5:00 p.m.	Arrival and check-in
5:30	Pizza party
7:00	Welcome & introductions
	Evening prayer: Praying for Courage, Commitment, and Change
9:00	Social

Saturday, April 12, 2014

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30	Morning prayer
10:00	Courage: <i>Helen Marie Burns, RSM</i> Reflection, table sharing, and group sharing
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Commitment: <i>Jeanne Christensen, RSM</i> A lesbian sister's commitment
2:00	Quiet reflection, table sharing, and interaction with Jeanne
2:45	Break
3:00	Large group discussion Questions from leadership Questions from lesbian sisters
3:45	Break
4:15	Ritual
5:15	Break
5:30	Dinner
6:30	Movie: <i>If These Walls Could Talk II</i>
7:30	Emmaus Walk
8:30	Social

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Please register me for **Courage, Commitment, and Change, April 11-13, 2014**

Registration fee: \$175 by January 15, 2014, or \$185 after January 15, 2014, 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 _____

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