Risk & Trust

Fear & Faith

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

June 5-7, 2015

Franciscan Spiritual Center
609 Convent Road
Aston, Pennsylvania 19014
(near Philadelphia airport)

Sponsored by New Ways Ministry

Registration Information

Registration fee: $175, postmarked by Feb. 21, 2015 or $185 postmarked after Feb. 21, 2015. Fee includes materials, overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday, meals from Friday supper through Sunday lunch, and snacks.

Scholarships: To apply, contact New Ways Ministry in writing by Feb. 21, 2015.

Cancellation Policy: Prior to May 27, all but $25 is refundable.

For more information, call 301-864-3604, e-mail info@NewWaysMinistry.org or write to New Ways Ministry, 4012 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

When Making Flight Plans...

We will provide transportation to/from the Philadelphia International Airport. Please try to arrange flights as follows:

Arrive before 4:00 pm on Friday, June 5
Depart after 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 7

Prayer Leaders

Elizabeth Knoerl, MM
Elizabeth received her first overseas assignment as a Maryknoll Sister in 1987. She has been engaged in health education, health care administration, and setting up and directing weekly mobile health clinics and extended medical camps in Hong Kong, South Korea, Nepal, and Haiti. She holds a Master’s of Public Health degree in International Health from New York Medical College.

Jackie Griffith, SSJ
Jackie is a Sister of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. She worked for Catholic Charities in social service administration for 22 years in the dioceses of Philadelphia, Charlotte, and Savannah. Presently Jackie is a social worker at St. Mary’s Health Center, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy in Savannah.

Facilitators/Communicators

Jeannine Gramick, SL
Jeannine and has been serving in lesbian/gay ministry since 1971. In 1977, she co-founded New Ways Ministry. 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.

Mary Jennings, CDP
Mary is a Sister of Divine Providence from Northern Kentucky. Mary served as director of a food pantry, was a volunteer for an organization to eradicate domestic violence in Ecuador, and worked in residential housing in New York City. Mary currently ministers with low-income families at St. Francis Serpha Ministries in Kentucky.

Sunday
8:15 a.m. Breakfast - South Dining Room
9:00 a.m. Discussion of Film, Serving in Silence
What can we do personally, communally?
10:00 a.m. Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Sharing Information and Evaluation
12:00 p.m. Blessing and Sending Forth
12:15 p.m. Lunch - South Dining Room
1:30 p.m. Departure
Please register me for Fear & Faith, Risk & Trust, June 5-7, 2015

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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 completed form & registration fee to New Ways Ministry, 4012 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

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Conference Schedule

Friday
5:00 p.m.  Check-in
5:30 p.m.  Dinner - South Dining Room
7:00 p.m.  Welcome and Introductions
8:00 p.m.  Evening Prayer
8:30 p.m.  Social

Saturday
8:30 a.m.  Breakfast - South Dining Room
9:00 a.m.  Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.  Risk and Trust: Mary Dacey, SSJ
A Congregational Leader’s View
Table talk and large group sharing
12:00 p.m.  Lunch - South Dining Room
1:30 p.m.  Fear and Faith: Linda Hylla, CDP
A Lesbian Sister’s View
Reflection and table activity
Large group sharing
Break
3:00 p.m.  Structured Small Group Discussion
Groups of Leaders & Formation/Vocation Ministers
Groups of Lesbian Sisters
Large Group Discussion
– How do we move from fear to acceptance?
4:30 p.m.  Supper - South Dining Room
5:00 p.m.  Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m.  Film: Serving in Silence
7:00 p.m.  with Glenn Close
8:30 p.m.  Social

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Mary Dacey, SSJ

Mary has served in administration as Congregational Vice-President and General Councillor for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia for the past 10 years. She has worked extensively with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), most notably as President (2006-2008) and as part of the committee for the History Exhibit, entitled Women and Spirit.

Mary was the Principal and President of Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Flourtown, PA, co-chaired the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph Leadership Council, and serves on the boards of various schools, colleges, and universities. She has a Master’s degree in Educational Administration from Boston College and a Master’s degree in English from the University of Notre Dame.

Linda Hylla, CDP

Linda entered the Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP) in 1980 and worked as a mental health provider until 2000. Linda then served her community as the vocation director. By nature, Linda is an artist, but repressed this part of her vocation in early adulthood until 2006, when she began to work as an early intervention specialist with toddlers who have global developmental delays.

She holds a Master of Social Work and a License in the State of Illinois. Linda has led 12 Step retreats, provided workshops for reducing burnout among mental health professionals, and has facilitated the process of coming out for a Catholic teen to his parents. Her own journey of psycho-spiritual integration has taken her from homophobia to healing.