

Conference Description

Today "sexuality" means anything and everything: identity; orientation; the way we organize love, desire, and affection; even our whole way of being in the world as embodied spirit. We are part of a Church still struggling with how to connect all these fluid, evolving meanings. We come from a religious past with a narrow vision of binary sexes created for the purpose of procreation, in which a limited degree of male sexual desire is sanctioned and women's experiences are considered irrelevant.



Speaker

Cristina L.H. Traina is Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Northwestern University, Illinois. Her books include: *Feminist Ethics and Natural Law: The End*

of the Anathemas and *Erotic Attunement: Parenthood and the Ethics of Sensuality Between Unequals*. Cristina is a life-long Catholic and member of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Evanston, IL, where she is active in the Gay and Lesbian Ministry.

Cristina Traina will draw on her work on sensuality in relationships that are not explicitly sexual in the traditional sense to explore how our embodied life enriches us and others, expands our life in the Spirit, and is an occasion of caution and care.



Conference Schedule

Friday, November 16, 2018

4:30 pm Arrival and check-in
 5:30 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Welcome & Introductions
 Cristina Traina
 The Challenge: Sexuality in Two Paradigms
 How did our Church arrive at its current place of confusion?
 Q & A
 Evening Prayer
 Social

9:00 pm

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Morning Prayer
 9:30 am Cristina Traina
 A Way Forward: Eros and Agape in Balance
 What about the dynamic of desire and delight in our spiritual, embodied selves?
 Reflection, table sharing, and large group discussion
 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch
 1:30 pm Nancy Marsh, CSJ
 Coming Out Is Not a One Time Event
 Reflection, table sharing, and large group discussion
 3:00 pm Break
 3:30 pm Small Group Discussion
 4:00 pm Break
 4:30 pm Conversation with Cristina Traina
 5:15 pm Break
 5:30 pm Supper
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer
 7:00 pm Film: *The Danish Girl*
 9:00 pm Social



Speaker

Nancy Marsh, CSJ has been a vowed member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet since 1972. She received a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education

from Fontbonne University, St. Louis, and a Master of Science Degree in Adult Health Oncology nursing from Georgia State University. Nancy taught high school and has worked in all realms of cancer nursing. She now ministers with underserved, mentally ill women in a residential care facility. Nancy enjoys gourmet cooking, needlework, lacemaking, and mandala work.

Conference Committee



Jeannine Gramick, SL is the co-founded of New Ways Ministry.



Mary Jennings, CDP has been engaged in service positions in Ecuador, New York, and Kentucky.



Diana Rawlings, ASC has been a community leader, vocation director, and member of the Precious Blood Ministry of Justice for LGBT Persons since 2007.

Questions?

Call 301-277-5674, email info@NewWaysMinistry.org
 or write: New Ways Ministry
 4012 29th Street
 Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

Please register me for "Gracious Embodiment: Embracing a Capacious Sexuality," November 16-18, 2018

_____ Conference Registration: \$189, postmarked by May 31 or \$219 postmarked after May 31

_____ Pre-conference retreat + conference: \$279, postmarked by May 31 or \$309 postmarked after May 31

_____ Pre-conference retreat (no overnight or breakfast) + conference: \$219, postmarked by May 31
or \$249 postmarked after May 31

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 _____

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

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Eucharist with Dominican community
10:15 am	Cristina Traina Care with Eros: Attunement and Power
11:00 am	Information Sharing, Future Ideas, Evaluation
11:30	Blessing and Sending Forth
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	Departure

Pre-Conference Retreat Day for Lesbian Sisters

This retreat day, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, is an open and safe space to listen, share, and pray. Arrival and overnight Thursday, Nov. 15, plus Friday breakfast and lunch: \$90 in addition to conference fee. With no overnight or Friday breakfast, with only Friday lunch: \$30 in addition to conference fee.

Conference Registration Information

\$189, postmarked by May 31, 2018 or \$219 postmarked after May 31, 2018. Fee includes materials, overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday, meals from Friday supper through Sunday lunch, and snacks.

Scholarships

To apply, email info@NewWaysMinistry.org or write New Ways Ministry by May 31, 2018.

Cancellation Policy

Prior to October 15, all but \$25 is refundable.

When Making Flight Plans...

We will provide transportation suggestions to/from the Milwaukee Airport, which is 30 minutes from Siena Retreat Center. Please try to arrange flights as follows:
Arrive at airport by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 16
Depart after 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 18



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

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Siena Retreat Center

5637 Erie Street

Racine, WI 53402

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