

Registration

Full Registration: \$75

Includes:

- Admittance to all training and workshops
- Entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening
- Dinner on Friday
- Lunch & Dinner on Saturday
- Lunch on Sunday

Conference Only: \$25

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Registration deadline: September 12, 2009

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Welcoming Training **OR** LGBT2SQ Workshops

Conference only (\$25)

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Providing the LGBT2SQ community with the education and tools to fight discrimination

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To raise awareness and assist faith communities in welcoming LGBT2SQ people

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Presenter Biographies



{ James Loney - Guest Speaker }

James Loney is a Canadian peace activist who is a member of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). In November 2005, he and the CPT delegation he was leading was kidnapped in Iraq and held for four months. In addition to Iraq, he has served on CPT projects in Palestine; Burnt Church, New Brunswick; Grassy Narrows, Kenora and Robertsville, Ontario. He is a founding member of the Toronto Catholic Worker, a community that welcomes and lives with people in need of housing.



{ Jeremy Dias - Guest Speaker }

After coming out in high school, Jeremy faced extreme cases of discrimination by school officials. At 17, he began a legal case against his school and school board, and at 21 won Canada's largest human rights settlement. Jeremy used the money to found Jer's Vision: Canada's Youth Diversity Initiative and the Jeremy Dias Scholarship.



{ Vicki Wunsch - Trainer }

Vicki currently works as a Trainer with the Institute For Welcoming Resources, part of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. In this position, she trains congregations faith based community organizing as a model to gain full inclusion of LGBT2SQ people in the church. In addition to her position as an IWR trainer, she is a trainer with Family and Children's Services in Minneapolis. In this position, Vicki works with schools and parents as a trainer of community organizing principles to address the racial achievement gap in education.



{ Sean Meades - Workshop Leader }

Sean Meades is a researcher with NORDIK Institute at Algoma University. He is the former Healthy Choices Worker with the Group Health Centre HIV/AIDS Program providing anti-homophobia and safe-sex workshops as well as educational presentations on issues affecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and two-spirit communities.



{ Dr. Scott Duggan - Workshop Leader }

Dr. Scott Duggan is a supervised psychologist who specializes in LGBT2SQ issues. He received his Ph.D. in Counselling Psychology from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, where he focused on the experiences of gay fathers.

Entertainment



{ Linnea Good }

Linnea Good got an early start on her music career leading children's music at the local church. She was 12 years old, and since then has hardly looked back in her quest to create music that is not only accessible but socially meaningful. A long-time feminist and Christian, she has walked both paths in her sexuality, and given voice to the grace-filled, expansive Spirit of God.



{ Jen Porter }

Jen Porter is a favourite musician in Chicago's LGBT2SQ community. She's been on the cover of two LGBT2SQ publications, Nightspots and Windy City Times. And, she was voted 2003's Best Local Musician by readers of the LGBT2SQ Chicago Free Press. She's performed at several LGBT2SQ venues in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. Her strong vocals and passionate piano never fail to stir an audience.

* LGBT2SQ: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirit, & queer/questioning

Schedule

Legend:

Welcoming Training GLBT2SQ Everyone

Friday, September 18th

4:00 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Registration

5:30 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Dinner

7:00 p.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
Guest Speaker – James Loney

8:00 p.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
Informal discussion period

9:00 p.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
Entertainment by Jen Porter

Saturday, September 19th

9:00 a.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
Welcome

9:30 a.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
**Objectives and Story Telling
Legal Issues for LGBT2SQ Families**

11:00 a.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
**Welcoming: It's About Being Church
Systemic Barriers in Health Care Delivery for
LGBT2SQ People**

12:00 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Lunch

1:30 p.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
**Concept of Self-Interest and One-to-One Training
Panel discussion – life stories**

3:30 p.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
Come learn about PFLAG

5:00 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Dinner

6:30 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Guest Speaker – Jeremy Dias

8:00 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Entertainment by Linnea Good

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 a.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
**Action Planning; Scriptural Engagement;
Sample Welcoming Process – Framing is the Key
Discussions continue**

12:15 p.m. Willowgrove United Church
Lunch

1:30 p.m. Great Northern Conference Centre
Closing Worship Service