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"He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power known. Thus He rebuked the Red Sea and it dried up; and He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. So He saved them from the hand of the one who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy."  
—Psalm 106:8-10



The Exodus describes God's initiative in redeeming His people. In spite of many obstacles, God carried out His promise of

leading Israel into freedom from the tyranny of Egyptian rule. Today that work continues.

Exodus International is a Christian organization dedicated to leading homosexuals out of bondage and into liberating union with Jesus Christ. God can restore the homosexual to wholeness! Exodus seeks to **equip** and **unify** agencies and individuals to communicate effectively that message to the homosexual; it is not a counseling/support ministry in itself. While upholding the Scriptures which point out homosexuality's error, Exodus proclaims the transforming love of Christ and His community which enables the homosexual to

shed the old identity, and in its place learn new ways of relating to self and others.

#### **Purpose and Action**

Central to Exodus' purpose is equipping the body of Christ, in its various forms, to minister to the homosexual. Toward that end, Exodus:

**1. Sponsors an Annual Conference** — Since its formation in 1976, Exodus has organized a week-long conference aimed at equipping individuals to minister renewal to the homosexual. Composed of a variety of classes taught primarily by ministers from gay backgrounds who are experienced in the topics at hand, the Exodus conference provides practical, in-depth coverage of what works and why. The conference is attended by individuals from around the country, who join together to participate in workshops, compare notes, and establish a loose-knit network amongst themselves.

**2. Unifies and Strengthens Existing Ministries** — Exodus is an umbrella organization for ministries specifically geared toward the homosexual. As the connecting link between them, Exodus seeks to provide support, a network of communication, and resources of growth for these ministries.

**3. Maintains a Referral List** — In order to provide individuals and agencies with a list of qualified ministries, Exodus maintains an updated referral list. Integrity is key to the success of such ministries. As a result, Exodus upholds specific qualifications for ministries which seek to be on its referral list, including contact with an Exodus agency for at least six months, the director's freedom from immoral sexual behavior, agreement with Exodus policy and doctrine, and a governing body tied to the ministry that can remove or change its leadership.

**4. Supports New Ministries** — Exodus desires to come alongside of new ministries in order to supplement their growth. In availing its services to individuals, churches, and parachurch groups interested in expanding their outreach to homosexuals, Exodus can be a needed resource of experience and practical help.

#### **Organization**

While Exodus is composed of agencies, churches, and individuals who support its goals, the organization is governed by a board of directors. Individual board members are chosen by the existing board on the basis of personal



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wholeness and demonstrated expertise in ministry to those beset by homosexuality, including family and friends of the homosexual. For the most part, board members come out of gay backgrounds and now direct ministries of healing for the homosexual throughout the country. The board officially gathers together twice a year to discuss and decide on issues relevant to Exodus, which include planning the Exodus conference and maintaining the referral list. Exodus' permanent office is located in San Rafael, CA, and is staffed by paid personnel. As a non-profit organization, the work of Exodus is supported solely by private contributions.

#### The Future of Exodus

In addition to its ongoing tasks, Exodus is planning to publish materials pertaining to ministry and the homosexual. That will provide a more comprehensive and widely-circulated body of literature than would be available at the local ministry level. Also, Exodus intends to sponsor regional training seminars, in addition to the annual conference. For more information about Exodus, including up-to-date referrals on overseas ministries related to Exodus, please write:

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the Body of Christ  
to restore wholeness  
to the homosexual



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President of the United States  
The White House  
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3 July 1986

Dear Mr. President,

Greetings! My name is Sy Rogers. My purpose in writing is to inform you of an exciting and much needed response to homosexuality in our society.

I represent EXODUS INTERNATIONAL, serving as Vice President of this twelve year old world-wide network of interdenominational Christian organizations providing outreach to the homosexual and education to the Christian community on this and related issues. We're a specialized and vital ministry, filling a void long neglected by the Christian community. Such neglect has benefited no one. Though we uphold the Biblical position identifying homosexuality as sin, we also recognize the Scriptural evidence depicting people being freed from homosexuality and it's underlying motivations.

Though EXODUS has received far less media attention than the pro-gay element, there is a growing "ex-gay movement" underway. Many men and women are abandoning their gay lifestyles, and overcoming both homosexual desires and behavior. Through our efforts, homosexuals are discovering that there IS a way out of homosexuality for those who want it! The myth of 'once gay, always gay' is finally being exposed. This is hope for both the homosexual and the loved ones of homosexuals.

Because of my public position, I've received mail from over 35 countries from people wanting out of homosexuality. Unlike the pro-gay propaganda would suggest, not everyone who is gay wants to be. EXODUS, through it's 140 'grassroots' affiliates, is making known to the gay community that homosexuals have an option. They can change. They can be forgiven and be given a new life free from desires that have dominated their lives. This is good news many unhappy gays have waited a long time to hear! In light of the AIDS crisis, and society's negative attitude toward the homosexual in general, we offer good news indeed!

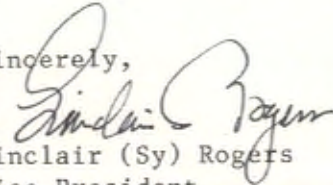
Enclosed is a brochure describing the work of EXODUS in greater detail, along with my own story of freedom from homosexuality, THE MAN IN THE MIRROR (7 years ago, prior to my Christian experience, I would have never dreamed that I could embrace a heterosexual identity, including marriage, fatherhood and a reconciled relationship with my parents! I was even selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America!). Also enclosed is a copy of the EXODUS Standard, providing information on current issues relating to this field of ministry, and news from the EXODUS network world wide.

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In closing, I thank you for your time in reading this. I trust that the enclosed information will be of blessing and interest to you. We at EXODUS just wanted to encourage you to know that in an age of controversy, confusion and compromise regarding morality, there are many still seeking to uphold the standards of truth and compassion that made this nation great! We support you in our prayers. Please let us know if we may serve you further!

Sincerely,



Sinclair (Sy) Rogers  
Vice President  
EXODUS INTERNATIONAL  
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# THE MAN IN THE MIRROR



by Sy Rogers

A True Story Of  
Hope And Freedom  
From Sexual Bondage

Sy's story is a gripping testimony of how one man was totally delivered from his life "as a woman." Although his gay experience went beyond that of the average homosexual, it shows that the power of God is greater than any problem we can have. As you read this, give God the glory, the Author and Finisher of Sy's faith!



Sy and Karen Rogers—  
A testimony of God's life-changing power.

covered many strengths and weaknesses, and see ourselves without masks. Today, my wife and I work together in full-time Christian service. Our marriage is **NOT** proof of my freedom from sexual perversion, but it is one of the most beautiful evidences of my new life and growing relationship with Christ.

My relationship with my parents has been restored by God as well. I had written to them when I was newly saved, but soon realized that my new Christian zeal could not erase all those years of hurt they had experienced. I saw my parents for the first time in almost five years at my wedding, and was able to rejoice in the reconciliation God has brought about in our relationship. Now I have parents again, and they have their son back.

Being my own toughest critic, I sometimes have difficulty seeing the changes God has brought about in my life. I understand now that I may never live up to society's unrealistic standard for being "a man." But then I'm reminded

For local help or information:

that I no longer live according to the corrupted values of this dying world. I follow Jesus! *He* is my example of masculinity, my ultimate standard and goal for manliness.

One evening while I was preparing for bed, the Lord spoke to my heart saying, "Look in the mirror . . . tell Me what you see." I looked for a moment and said, "I see a new creation!" He said, "Yes, but look again." So I did, and then said, "I see a child of the King . . . a servant of Jesus . . . and beauty from the ashes of my old life." Yet I knew these weren't the answers He was looking for. What was the Lord trying to show me? I looked in the glass again. "What do you see, My son . . .?" At last I understood. "I see . . . that the man—the *MAN* in the mirror is *me*."

"The Man In The Mirror" was reprinted from an article in **The Last Days Newsletter**. If you would like a *free subscription* to The Last Days Newsletter, a small, colorful magazine, full of challenging articles, ministry opportunities and materials, send your request to: **Last Days Ministries, Box 40, Lindale, TX 75771-0040.**

For additional copies of this article order LD#59. For a complete list of tracts available at whatever you can afford, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to the address above.

### Are You Searching?

If you want to know more about what it means to be a Christian, we have some information we'd like to send you. There is no charge or obligation and we won't give your address to anyone else. Just write to Last Days Ministries and ask for the free packet, "Walking With Jesus."



**I**magine—*me* married! A day of rejoicing and celebration, of sharing love between family and friends. At my side was my new wife, the woman I loved. Joined together by God forever, our hopes and dreams centered on Christ. But special as it was, our wedding held much deeper significance as a testimony of God's life-changing power.

There was a time when I would never have believed I'd come to know such love and fulfillment—much less ever be married. Only three years earlier, I was lost in a hopeless pursuit of my identity, desperately seeking love and acceptance. You see, I was a transsexual. Although physically a man, I felt I was really a woman "trapped" in the wrong body. I desperately desired to change my outward sex, conforming my body to what I believed I was, mentally and emotionally.

I first began having homosexual encounters when I was about eight years old. Unlike many children who experiment sexually, I was strongly aware of an intense desire to be intimate with men. I wanted men to desire me too. Watching movies as a child, I remember the girl was always the object of the hero's attention and affection. My heart would ache as I thought, "I wish I were wanted like that." Years later, I would try to live out my childhood fantasy of becoming a woman in hopes of being truly loved at last.

It wasn't that my parents didn't love me, but circumstances deprived me of a normal childhood. I was born in 1956, the only child of a disintegrating middle class couple. Due to my mother's alcoholism, she wasn't always able to take care of me. Even so, I had no unpleasant childhood memories until age five, when my mother was killed in an automobile accident. I went to live with relatives for a year while my father pieced together a new beginning for himself. While living with my aunt and uncle, I developed a close bond with their daughter who was near my age. I enjoyed identifying with her little girl life. Later, I returned to live with my dad and grandmother in our quiet mid-western hometown. When I was 11, my dad remarried.

My parents and I had a stable relationship until my adolescence, when my dark desires began to flourish openly. Seeing my problems mounting, my parents made great efforts to instill a masculine identity in me, but the damage was already done. My effeminate mannerisms and attempts at wearing make-up were only surface symptoms of my deep-rooted gender identity confusion. Though I didn't know God, I believed in His existence. I would pray to Him, begging—even demanding—to be



transformed into a woman.

Meanwhile, I was active in church, school, and Boy Scouts, even attaining the rank of Eagle. I played football, went out for track and the swim team—I even had a couple of motorcycles. All this failed to make me "macho." In spite of my efforts to conform, I was tormented by many classmates. My life at home and in school became a miserable endurance course. Mercifully, I earned enough credits in three years to graduate.

A break came when I left for Brazil as an exchange student. During the summer months there, I discovered, perhaps for the first time, that I was accepted—even popular—for being like I was. The Brazilian culture seemed to accept homosexuality more readily than the American culture. Also, since my host parents were actors in the theater, they worked with many homosexuals. The attitude I saw expressed was an acceptance of the gay lifestyle. In that country, so far away from my unhappy life back home, I felt the freedom at last to accept and even like my inner desires.

Shortly after my return to the United States, I joined the Navy at my parents' urging. Though I feared facing



torment similar to that in high school, I did quite well in boot camp, receiving a meritorious promotion to the next rank. Instead of being rejected for my feminine nature, I became quite popular and more confident in my mental role as a woman. After boot camp came specialized training before reaching my duty station, a ship home-ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

There, I totally pursued darkness, immersing myself in Honolulu's gay scene. As I got involved in prostitution, drug abuse, and the sometimes dangerous street scene, I grew to despise that lifestyle with its shallowness and emptiness. I felt like a vampire, out on the hunt, night after night, in search of the elusive "Mr. Right" who could fulfill me. On and on I went, seeing no end—and certainly no hope in sight.

Returning to Hawaii after a six-month tour of duty in the Orient, I found my two closest gay friends had joined Honolulu's Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). I agreed to go with them. Founded in 1968 by a backslidden Pentecostal preacher, MCC openly welcomes homosexuals, and by twisting Scriptures out of context, portrays a God who blesses homosexuality rather than condemning it. Like many homosexuals whose hearts are not calloused, I was looking for a spiritual salve for my convicted conscience, and at MCC, I found a religion which conveniently approved my sexual preference. I was deceived, as were my friends, yet I knew something couldn't be right when I could freely attend church socials "in drag," dressed as a woman. My friends became Hawaii's first male homosexual couple to be married, and I was one of their best men. To think we believed that God could bless this abomination!

In the spring of 1977, I completed my Naval tour of active duty and returned to the security of my native midwest. I'll never forget the look on my parents' faces as I stepped off the plane—a burned out, used up case at age 21. I watched their shoulders sag as shame enveloped their faces. I must have been a pathetic sight.

A few months after I was home, I received a letter from my gay friends—the "married" couple in Hawaii. They told me they were no longer homosexuals. They said they were Christians now, and that the teachings of MCC were lies. They still loved each other, though not in a homosexual way, and they no longer lived together. "What traitors!" I thought.

The nightmare of my life unfolded in its fullness when I began attending a conservative college near my hometown. While I'd been accepted, even popular for years in Hawaii, I now became the focal point of hatred to the degree that extra campus security was necessary for my protection. A petition was circulated to have me removed from the dorm, and I wasn't allowed to have a roommate. The rejection was almost more than I could bear. In my depression, I missed weeks of classes, wouldn't eat sometimes for days, yet somehow I survived for two semesters.

After a crisis point in my life, I finally told my parents what they had long feared was true: I was unhappy living as a man and desired to have a sex change operation. I began psychotherapy sessions in my pursuit of "The Operation." A battery of tests, including a chromosome test, proved that my gender identity confusion was not the result of some bizarre genetic mistake. However, having done my research into transsexuality, I was able to give my psychiatrists the "right answers." They officially diagnosed me as a transsexual, suitable for sex reassignment surgery. I was to undergo continued therapy and later have surgery at Baltimore's



Sy, living and working as "a woman."

Johns Hopkins Hospital, which was famous for such operations. My parents, pushed beyond their ability to cope, resigned themselves to losing me. I believed a sex change was my last ditch effort at finding happiness, and I was willing to sacrifice everything to achieve my goal. With my bags packed and my bottle of prescribed female hormones in hand, I was on my way at last!

"Powder and paint, to make us what we ain't . . ." The chant I'd heard from the drag queen prostitutes echoed through my mind. Staring into the mirror through a drug-induced haze, I saw what I had become: not just a liar, but the embodiment of a lie. I'd come to understand the art of illusion handed down from Babylon to Hollywood. While living and working as a woman for a year and a half, I had a good office position with a contracting firm near Washington, D.C. Achieving much desired acceptance in my role as a woman, I was considered attractive and was riding the crest of popularity on the party circuit.

Yet in spite of my "success," I felt a certain dread, a growing sense of incompleteness. Through a series of events, I wasn't able to pursue my psychotherapy sessions. The longer I waited in anticipation of the sex change surgery, the more I realized "The Operation" wasn't going to solve life's every problem as I'd once believed. It took great effort to maintain my role as a woman 24 hours a day, and I lived in constant fear that my true gender would be discovered. Increased drug consumption provided some relief from reality, but I could never quite numb my mind from the haunting question, "Is all this worth it?"

God's Spirit was drawing me. As my health deteriorated from drug abuse, chest pains and labored breathing made sleeping difficult. I began to meditate on pleasant things to help myself unwind. One evening, the song "Jesus Loves Me" unexpectedly flooded my mind. Christian songs from my untainted childhood went over and over in my mind. I could only weep. I was beginning to count the cost of giving up the only life I'd known. I asked God, "Please show me if You don't want me to pursue this sex change." Deep down, I knew what His answer would be.

Awakened by the morning news on the radio, I sat up in



bed—I could hardly believe my ears! Johns Hopkins Hospital just announced to the world that they would no longer perform sex reassignment surgery. They were canceling the current waiting list of patients seeking "The Operation," saying sex change surgery wasn't the answer for the majority of transsexuals. Three days after I had prayed to God, I had my answer.

During a move that fall, I came across an old, neglected Bible and began "sneak reading" it. Before long, I began sharing Scripture with anyone who would listen, and my friends became concerned about my growing religious slant. Though I was still living as a woman, the Holy Spirit was making inroads into my life, and I squirmed under His conviction. Knowing that I was approaching a crossroad in my life, I threw away my female hormones and stopped buying women's clothes. As Christmas approached, I began packing away all my dresses, and with my Christmas bonus I purchased a few items of men's clothing.

It was during Christmas vacation that everything came to a head. My heart had been beating more and more irregularly and my chest pains intensified. Finally one night, I dropped to the floor, clutching my chest. I couldn't breathe right, and was beginning to black out. Terrified, I cried out to God, begging Him to spare me. "Please don't take me like this!" I pleaded with Him, "Let me live to know You first." The crushing pain began to subside. Shaken, I saw my desperate need to get right with God. But how? I turned to the Bible, knowing I'd find the answer.

*"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool. If you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." Truly, the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*  
—Isaiah 1:18-20

As I read this Scripture, I broke. Bitterness, guilt, and shame for the lost years of my life poured out of me as I wept at the foot of my bed. I admitted my failure and guilt before God as I cried out to Him, "God, I cannot change what I am, but I'm willing to be changed. I know You have the power. Make me the man *You* want me to be!" To be pleasing to God, to be loved and not rejected by Him—that was all I wanted. As I placed my life into His hands, trusting Him, the "old me" died, and the "new me" was born! The Twilight Zone existence was over.

My spiritual regeneration was evident immediately. Overnight I'd been set free from immorality and drug addiction. The bleeding sores in my esophagus (an apparent result of drug abuse) healed in one day! As I discovered the intense, intimate love of God for *ME*, I was set free from that consuming drive which had held me a slave to perversion.

There were some rough times too, following my conversion. Seeking to establish myself in fellowship, I attended different churches and found some people had a hard time relating to me. Though I dressed in men's clothing and had short hair, the residue of my old life—effeminate mannerisms, high voice, and the results of female hormones—caused many people to mistake me for a girl. At first I was crushed with humiliation, but I was more determined to live for God.

I did go through times of heavy temptation in many forms. However, I learned that Satan could only tempt me

... he couldn't force me to give in, so with God's grace, I didn't. As I grew stronger and spent time in the Word, the Lord severed my past relationships and associations. It was time to move on. During the summer following my surrender to Jesus, I began to work with a Christian ministry, and joined a church where I was warmly accepted into fellowship with other believers.

Nine months after my conversion, I experienced the energizing power of the Holy Spirit. During this three hour experience, the Lord revealed to one of my prayer partners that she would become my wife. Never saying a word to me concerning what the Lord had shown her, she waited on Him to bring it to pass. About one year later, I became aware of God's direction for our lives. At first I balked at the idea of marriage. Inner fears and deep-rooted feelings of inadequacy surfaced. But as Karen and I developed a beautiful friendship in the two years before our marriage, God brought healing to all these areas of my life.

God has blessed us with the precious gift of honest, open communication, with Jesus and with each other. We've dis-

## DO YOU WANT HELP?

There are concerned people who know what you're going through and know how to help. Many of them have been set free from homosexuality themselves and would love to help you in any way that they could. If you or someone you love is struggling with homosexuality, you can receive helpful literature or counseling. Just write one of the groups listed below. We love you!

### Exodus International

(A referral organization that can put you in touch with a ministry in your area.)

U.S. and all non-European countries:  
P.O. Box 2121  
San Rafael, CA 94912

Europe:  
c/o Mark Hallett  
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### Outpost

P.O. Box 4222  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

### Love In Action

P.O. Box 2655  
San Rafael, CA 94912

We have a few other articles that we feel would be very helpful to you, and we'd love to send you a copy at no charge or obligation. Just write us and ask for "I'm Gay . . . OK?" (LD#58), "The Father Heart Of God" (LD#46), "Hurt And Bitterness" (LD#57), "Do You Feel Like Giving Up?" (LD#9) and "How To Find God" (LD#42).

Also available are two teachings on audio and video cassette—"Misconceptions About Homosexuality" and "How To Minister To The Homosexual." For information on how to order these and other teachings, ask for "Reply T."

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"When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19.

## EXODUS XI to Focus on New Ministries

In-depth but practical help for ministers and lay men and women beginning ministries will be the focus of this year's annual EXODUS conference. Under the theme of "Laying a Sure Foundation", instruction will be given on such topics as: where to begin in establishing a ministry, legal requirements, dealing with taxes, nurturing a staff, newsletter writing, how to do a booktable at denominational meetings, and dodging the dangers inherent in ex-gay ministry.

Scheduled for the week of June 23-27 at Nyack College 20 miles north of New York City, EXODUS XI is anticipated to draw

**In-depth help for those beginning ex-gay ministries will be the focus of this year's conference.**

250-300 participants from North America and Europe. Because of the East Coast location and cancellation of the EXODUS - EUROPE conference this year, it is hoped that participation by European leaders will give an international flavor to the week-long gathering, reminiscent of EXODUS VI in Las Vegas, the last conference before the establishment of the European branch of EXODUS.

The basic conference package is  
(See *Exodus XI*, page 10)



EXODUS Board members (l-r): Gala Durrance, Alan Medinger, Robbi Kenney, Kent Paris, Sy Rogers, Bob Davies, Andy Comiskey.

## EXODUS Board Meets in Mendocino

- Reported by Roberta Kenney

The EXODUS board convened in Mendocino, CA in January for its annual meeting where most of the national business is conducted. Primary topics included the hiring of Bob Davies, on staff with *Love In Action*, San Rafael, CA, for a ¾ time job as administrator of EXODUS. Bob has been fulfilling this position since 1983, on loan by director Frank Worthen of LIA.

Reviewing finances meant facing the fact that EXODUS did not have the capacity to hire Alan Medinger as executive director, nor Robbi Kenney as director of publications and public relations. Robbi waived the honorarium she had been receiving as co-editor of *The Standard*, and Alan agreed to continue on as spokesperson for the national organization for the time being.

In a positive action, the board agreed to expand the referral network linking EXODUS-related organizations and individuals by taking over the publication of an affiliates list currently put out by *Love In Action*.

This action will mean that two lists will be available from EXODUS on request: the referral list of agencies which fulfill criteria as established and reputable organizations and a much longer list of affiliates which

(See *Exodus Board*, page 7)

## NEW EPISCOPAL GROUP FORMS

With the prompting of several Episcopalians, including the Reverend Canon Dennis Bennett, Alan Medinger, EXODUS' executive director, found himself with *Regeneration* staff person Luanna Hutchison at the 1985 General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, CA last September. They and several folks from *Desert Stream* (Santa Monica), and *New Life Fellowship* (Laguna Beach), manned a book and literature table for EXODUS, proclaiming the message of hope and healing for the homosexual.

At the same time Father Kevin Martin, rector at St Luke's Episcopal Church, Seattle, and Robbi Kenney, on staff with *Metanoia* in Seattle, were talking about the

need for a concerted effort to educate the Episcopal Church to a biblical perspective on homosexuality.

The combined events led eventually to the founding of *Episcopalians for Biblical Sexuality* this past winter, with Robbi Kenney as president of the new board and half time director of the organization.

The board members, Father Wesley T. (Ted) Nelson, Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal) in Dallas; Father Kevin Martin, St Luke's Episcopal Church in Seattle; Alan Medinger; and Robbi Kenney, met for a series of board meetings in Winter Park, FL in January. The occasion of their gathering was the 3R's Conference, a meeting of

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## Here Come The Denominations!

One of the things that struck me about the "ex-gay" ministries when I first learned of them seven years ago was their almost exclusive roots in non-denominational churches. When there was a local church affiliation, to me it seemed to be one resembling Flip Wilson's "Church of What's Happening Now". It probably met in a high school or union hall; its pastor may have been a Bible school graduate, certainly not from a seminary; and you could be sure that the church had no denominational connection.

This may have reflected, at least in part, the fact that our early ministries were a product of, or were influenced by, the Jesus movement of the 1960's and early '70's. It was the radical Christianity of these churches that could accept the fact that God would heal a homosexual, and then be willing to testify to that fact.

Where were the denominational churches at this time? A few Episcopal, Methodist and other local mainline denominational churches backed ministries but, by and large, their experience was not good, and they withdrew. In the most notable examples, the ministry leaders they backed were too recently out of homosexuality and not ready for ministry.

But these churches were the exceptions. For the most part, mainline denominations moved in what appeared to many of us to be a well-intentioned but tragic direction: ministry to homosexuals that called for affirming the homosexual in his or her lifestyle. To leading Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians and others, homosexuality was a matter of civil rights rather than moral wrongs. Asserting the true self replaced obedience to God's Word as a standard of life, and this dictated that the only valid ministry to homosexuals centered around encouraging them to accept their homosexuality. Dignity, Integrity, Presbyterians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns and other pro-gay groups emerged as the visible expression of the mainline denominations' ministry to homosexuals.

But lately something else has been stirring in the historic denominations. Its impetus may have been theological - more often than not, concerning the ordination of professed and practicing homosexuals. Its voice has probably been the emerging charismatic and evangelical renewals within the denominations. Its encouragement has been the survival and success of the EXODUS affiliated ministries. Its cry that it must be heard has come from those who have seen that acceptance has not brought freedom and fulfillment. Acceptance has brought more compulsion, greater sadness and loneliness, more disease, and even death. Denominational Christians were seeing that God's restrictions on human sexuality were not arbitrary, but were rooted in His love for us. Although many homosexual advocates in the churches may not have come to these conclusions, they have found it increasingly difficult to continue urging people to "celebrate their homosexuality as a gift from God".

What are the signs of this emergence? There are many. Last year, members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) formed Presbyterians for Biblical Sexuality. More recently, a corresponding national Episcopal group, Episcopalians for Biblical Sexuality, was formed. Dr. Charles Stanley, head of the Southern Baptist Convention, has called for healing ministry to homosexuals among Baptists, and has such a ministry in his home church in Atlanta. Most local EXODUS affiliates have significant mainline denominational representations on their boards, and several local ministries are outreaches of denominational churches. The Christian Reformed Church and the Seventh Day Adventists have supported or endorsed individual ex-gay ministries.

One would have expected the large, traditional denominations to have held the line on matters such as homosexuality. But no, it was the mainline denominations that went off into new directions, re-interpreting Scripture, seeking "new light". Those in the denominations who felt otherwise were strangely silent, perhaps intimidated into feeling that not to go along with the new teaching would be unloving, perhaps just not wanting to deal with an unpleasant subject. Ironically, it was left to the little upstart non-denominational churches to not only stand for biblical and catholic teaching as regards homosexuality, but also to put it into practice.

If a change is truly taking place, we in EXODUS might suddenly become respectable. This could be a real risk to us, as the church has never handled respectability well. But we are willing, even excited, to take that risk. *Lutherans, Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, others, we want to work together with you.* Such glorious things can happen. Great numbers of homosexuals will find a new kind of love, one that seeks the very best for the one who is loved. Churches will experience the power of God at work in the lives of a hurting people, an experience that will revive and strengthen the Body of Christ. And God will be glorified; God will be pleased. □

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# Hope and Healing for Parents

For every son or daughter dealing with homosexuality, there is usually two parents trying to come to terms with their own feelings of grief and guilt over what has transpired in their family situation. To instruct and encourage parents who are facing this issue, we asked some experienced parents and counselors to share their insights. (continued on pp. 4-7)

## What I've Learned as a Mother by Mary Lebsock

Homosexuality is a symptom of deeper spiritual problems: rejection, fear, anger, rebellion and pride. It starts in the soul realm and can begin as early as "day one" of conception. Medical studies have shown that the emotions of the mother are very closely tied in with those of the infant in the womb.

It's possible for a child to perceive rejection, even when it is not intended, on the part of mother or father. Fear enters later as the child grows older, afraid that he does not fit in, that he's different somehow, that he will never live up to

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the masculine image that the world portrays (or, for a girl, the feminine image). Parents, other family members and peers can reinforce this when they comment on the child who doesn't "measure up" by calling him "queer" or "sissy".

Fear is difficult to live with and turns into a seething anger within that child against himself, his family, his peers, and even God. When the pressure builds to the point where it cannot be tolerated, the anger and longing to be accepted leads to rebellion. The individual comes to decide, "I really don't care what anybody says. I'm going to go and do my thing."

There may have been some earlier same-sex encounters along the way which many young people experience. They make that individual feel excessively guilty, and he begins to wonder, "Is that what I am?" Most of these young people have struggled for years, feeling like they never fit into so-called "straight" society. They finally give up and decide that must be "what I am". And then they take on the gay identity.

Pride is the last stage in this lifestyle, pride in an identity that is reinforced by the gay community.

### Overcoming Grief

There are three things which keep a person in bondage, whether to grief or homosexuality. The



Mary Lebsock, coordinator of His New Creations, Denver, CO, says she would have starved during the time she was grieving for her gay son if it hadn't been for Lipton's Tomato Cup O' Soup.

first is failure to forgive others, a decision of the will and not of the emotions. Feelings are healed by the Lord as we submit them to Him. When the feelings rise up, the thoughts that accompany them can be taken into captivity to the obedience of Christ (II Cor. 10:5).

Parents may need to forgive their children for all their pain. There will probably be a grief process as there is a release of the image of what the parent wanted the child to become. It's best not to repress these feelings.

Some of the symptoms of grief include physical ones like loss of appetite, sexual dysfunction, anger and resentment. Along with those you might also recognize: shock, denial and panic in the earliest stage, then mourning, depression, isolation, self-pity, guilt, shame, and attempting to bargain with God.

Moms are usually better at this than dads because we get in touch with our feelings easier. I would like to see more ministry done with dads to help them deal with feelings that are eating away at them. But God is there for both Mom and Dad through healing prayer.

Failing to receive forgiveness from our Heavenly Father is the second hindrance to freedom from grief. Because it may seem too simple to ask and receive, as in I John 1:9,10, we may continue to punish ourselves by "feeling bad". This is a form of idolatry because we're saying that Jesus' sacrifice was not quite good enough to cover whatever we've done. But God says we are forgiven, and we need to receive it.

The third hindrance is failing to recognize who we are in Christ Jesus. We can renew our mind through the Word of God (Romans 12:2), and as Jesus did when tempted by the devil, we can say, "It is written," as the Holy Spirit quickens appropriate scripture for us to use against the attacks of the enemy. As a mother of a son involved in homosexuality, a great help has been my "spiritual breakfast". I created it by putting meaningful scriptures on tape, and leaving spaces in between so there was time for repeating them. I came to realize that my son really hadn't changed, just my perspective of him. I now had knowledge about an aspect of his life that had previously been hidden.

### How Long Will It Take?

As parents we must look to Jesus for the healing of our broken hearts (Luke 4:18), and not to the circumstances in our child's life. If we refuse to be impressed with satan's garbage, we will be able to live in the peace, joy and strength of the Lord. We'll be able to love that child and inter-

(See *What I've Learned*, page 7)

## MERI BRADLEY Houston, TX

As a counselor I stand as a supporter in the grief process. The grief of a family with a homosexual member is not unlike the grief in death and dying. The counselor becomes that safe place through the process of anger, guilt, loss of expectation, resentment, and forgiveness. I enable the individual to come to terms with fluctuating emotions. In time the parent becomes able to move on with his or her own life.

Counseling is more guiding and encouraging than it is advice giving. As spices enhance a gourmet dish, the counselor brings out what is already in the individual. I try to show the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with clarity, give a safe arena for the emotional fluctuations, encourage the parent to an honest appraisal of self and shortcomings, and facilitate the growing process.

The goal in this setting of the counseling relationship is that of growth: greater maturity and depth of character than hitherto experienced. I use several tools for the accomplishment of this goal: teaching, questioning, challenging and modeling. Some of the things we look at include: What investment does this parent have in his child's choices? Why? Where does this parent need to let go? Where does this parent need to

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make gentle but firm stands? Where does this parent need to make amends? How can this parent find his or her balance of unconditional love without compromise? What fears and myths does this parent need to release?

The good counselor must recognize that he or she cannot accomplish all of this alone. There's a need for the development of a thorough referral system. There's also a great value in support groups. □

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**Hope and Healing for Parents**  
(continued)

**NORMA ROBERTS**  
**Reading, PA**

Little did I realize how very much I would come to use these scriptures to help me through some very dark and difficult times in my life: Hebrews 13:5, Isaiah 43:2, Psalm 91:1,2. Many times I fell asleep quoting one of these passages. It seemed to ease the pain and help me sleep in peace.

Our youngest son had been such a good, intelligent and caring person, and now he was telling us he was homosexual. This couldn't happen to a Christian family, I thought. But it had. After years of his taking off to parts unknown and having to call home for help and money, we learned a great deal about satanic influence in society. I have learned, too, that our Heavenly Father is truly a loving God, and cares about each one of us. He cares for the homosexual, even when he is in the deepest pit. He cares for the mother who is full of hate, anger, frustration and worn down to an emotional low, which I experienced. I feared what everyone would think of our situation, and was humbled by God.

I went through my day's work like a robot being manipulated by buttons. My whole world had caved in around me. I was in constant prayer, asking my Father to protect our son and

deal with him, as I didn't know what was best for him. I completely turned him over to Jesus Christ, having the faith that I could depend on the outcome.

We had gone through 15 years of mood swings and his taking off without telling us his destination and finally coming home broke. He repeated this pattern many times. The last time he left, it was 8 months before we heard from him. I put my faith in God and trusted it would work out well. I prayed that some of God's people would meet our son and have an influence on his life.

One day, our son called to let us know that he had been taken in by friends and was being counseled by a Christian counselor.

He has recovered and is a counselor himself now, spreading the Good News that Jesus Christ is the true healer. The Great Physician healed us all, and we are a family again. My advice to parents is to let go and let God. □

*Norma Roberts initiated H-Anon in Reading, PA, a support group for family members with homosexual loved ones. Her son Dan is director of Homosexuals Anonymous Fellowship Services, Reading, PA.*



**FRANK ROGERS**  
**Bethany, OK**

My eldest son told me he was gay in a letter I received from him on my 57th birthday. As I experienced resentment, repulsion, anger and self-pity, God began to deal with me. He bathed me in His peace, and my racing, searching mind was turned from the problem to the solution - towards God's word. "Let not your heart be troubled - believe in me." (John 14:1)

God's love began to flow through me towards my son. I was impressed in my heart to call him on the phone. I knew that first of all I had to assure him of Dad's love for him. Furthermore, his letter clearly indicated his great fear of alienation from the family, and I counseled my other children to also call him and assure him of their love. They gladly did!

The enemy brought a heavy guilt trip upon me. It was my fault - I had been a poor father. A book I bought on homosexuality pointed out the father's failure as a role model and confirmed my

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guilt. My work during my son's early life kept me away from home for days at a time. My wife became both mother and father. When I did come home, I had many reports to prepare. My son's childhood interruptions all too often ended with me spanking him and confining him to his room - sometimes without food.

*Frank Rogers is the founder and director of The First Stone, Bethany, OK, which was originally started to help parents with homosexual children, but now includes ministry to men and women who struggle with homosexuality.*



I now know what he really wanted most of all was my love, acceptance of him as he was, and affection, and I failed to provide this at a very crucial stage in his life.

On more than one occasion, I shut myself away from my wife and cried like a baby. Then God would let me get it all out and once again bath me in His peace and love.

Like most Christian parents, I made many zealous mistakes through ignorance, trying to play God in my first reactions to my son's lifestyle. I don't discuss the subject anymore unless he brings it up - and then briefly and in love!

The only time we attempted to talk to him about his problem was during a visit to him in 1978. At that time we also attended his church with him, the Metropolitan Community Church. This took much prayer and trusting in God. It was a true demonstration to him of our love, and it drew him closer to us.

I thank God for my son, for his God-given talents and his deliverance in God's timing, whenever that may be. God's word assures me that my "whole house" shall be saved. (Acts 16:31) □

**ANITA WORTHEN**  
**San Rafael, CA**

One morning my son Tony and I were in the living room. I had discovered some numbers in his wallet and was asking him them. He said, "Well, you know I'm gay, you?" I was in total shock. I couldn't say a word so he continued to tell me how about a month before, he had "found himself" hitchhiking home from school and a counselor picked him up . . . and seduced my son!

Tony was waiting to see my reaction there looking at him I felt physically ill. "My little boy! I hadn't thought of him doing something like that, not even with a woman! His way his mouth was twitching, and he was silent, "Love me. If you reject me, I do what I'll do." And the Holy Spirit took over. The first words out of my mouth were, "I don't understand this, but I love you and we'll work through this. That's that only thing I did right for the last few weeks.

Because he told me that he had met one of his dreams and was in love, I decided to "nap" him! When Tony came home from the next day, my brother was there, and napped him and sent him to Oregon.

My Christian brother in Oregon had would take Tony and work with him until there. So my brother called the next day a "Tony has gone to a church! Praise God that's that's okay." The day after that, he called to say that the church my son had gone

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a homosexual church. Up there in Hillsboro, Eugene, Oregon is a gay church . . . and I napped him up there! That's when I realized the problem was not in the living situation; it was in my son!

Six months later I found Love In Action began to heal. And several years later I met Frank Worthen, the director. And what happened to Tony? My son is still in the homosexual lifestyle. However, he enjoys spending time with us, and likes being around Love In Action. He loves Frank a lot, and Frank loves him a lot.

Looking back on this whole experience, things stand out. If I had received the right of counsel early on, it would have been tremendously helpful. But because of the pain that I went through, I can reach out to those who are hurting. What a shame it would have been to have experienced all of this and then not to use it to help others!

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## BARBARA JOHNSON La Habra, CA

I feel the success of *Spatula Ministries* is based in our focus on helping parents get well. Openness is to wholeness what secrets are to sickness. When parents come to a *Spatula* support group and drain the pain, they begin to heal.

If you have traced the pain and trauma of our family in the past ten years through my books *Where Does a Mother Go to Resign?* (Bethany, 1979) and *Fresh Elastic for Stretched Out Moms* (Revell, 1985), and my newsletter *The Love Line*, then you know that our darling son Larry had disowned us, changed his name, and said he never wanted to see us again. That estrangement went on for two years after my first book was printed.

He suddenly called one day and said, "Mom, you really can't disown your family because they still ask for your mom's maiden name when you go to the bank. Can I come home for Christmas?" So our relationship has been mending, healing, and the awful hurt has scabbed over.

This past fall, Larry called me again and said that *Spatula Ministries* was doing so much to promote restoration for folks that he wanted to send his tithe money to this ministry, asking if would we accept his check! How quickly I told him that he was the reason for all of this. *Spatula* was born because of him!

Collecting poems and verses and making myself look for joyful things brought me from where I was when I first found out about Larry's homosexuality to now, where I can look back and remember it, but I'm not there any more.

I learned to put on the garment of praise for that spirit of heaviness, and to realize that *this trial had come to pass and not to stay*, and that healing takes time. I helped myself through the healing by reaching out to others and sharing some of the encouragement that I had found during my valley time.

My word to devastated parents is, "You will get through it!" You will come out of that long dark tunnel of pain . . . and there is light on the other side. Relinquish your child to God . . . love him and pray for him . . . and get on with your own life to lift up some others. *The greatest exercise for a broken heart is to reach down and lift up another . . . restoration and healing will come quickly if you start reaching out to others in need of your love.* □



Barbara Johnson, founder of *Spatula Ministries*, La Habra, CA, popular speaker and humorist, has been interviewed on *Focus on the Family* radio show with Dr. James Dobson numerous times, and has spoken for several Women's Concerns conferences. She has taught periodically at the annual EXODUS conferences, and attended EXODUS 1 in Anaheim, CA, in 1976.

## BARBARA HOUCK Grand Rapids, MI

It was on the eve of his graduation from college that we received a phone call from our son that he had just admitted himself to the local psychiatric hospital following a suicide attempt. Upon questioning someone else intensively, we started to surmise the problem. Our son was homosexual. This was a very big shock to us, as his wedding announcements were in the mail at this time. We had known that our son was terribly nervous, but we thought it was due to the timing of the wedding and the college exams.

I spent the next year or more crying at the mere thought of it, and also at the thought of the break-up of the marriage, as this was a big blessed event to me as Mother. My husband just went through the motions of working and living in a confused state of mind.

We just did not understand why this had hap-



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Because I struggled for years with the issue of my true sexual identity, what I do here at *Christian Counseling Services* and *ARROW* does affect me. At times with parents, it's as if I am talking to my own. However, for me that actual conversation hasn't happened yet. I have a letter for them should it ever come up, explaining why I chose not to bring it up. Most of my reasoning rests on "protecting" them from further trauma. They've experienced quite a bit in other areas in recent years.

The works of Elizabeth Moberly ring true in my own life as well as the lives of other families I've seen over the four years I've been with *CCS*. The perceived rejection, defensive detachment, the mother who tries to compensate for what's missing in the family dynamic — all are very common elements.

There's always a temptation to rehearse your own history when a client is dealing with a similar problem, but God has begun to show me that we are all unique and individual, and not exactly alike. Professionally, identification can be the basis of building a helpful relationship with a client, but it can also be a real burden if not handled appropriately.

pened. I believe we coped with the situation with a lot of denial. We shared with one daughter, but didn't tell other family members, nor any friends. We did talk to a couple of ministers, but they were no help at all. We knew that our son was getting counseling though, and that helped us, and the rest of the time we just prayed and white-lie'd our way through it all.

We communicated with our son through all of this, but we always felt that we were walking on very thin ice. The conversation was kept very general, and even at that it would many times turn into anger on both our parts. The important thing was that we did keep up communication for which we were very grateful.

Two years later our son had moved to Seattle and was getting involved in a public ministry to homosexual people. We were forced to share with the family and other people as he was seeking financial support from the church. The family was surprised, but it answered a lot of questions for them. We were so scared of sharing, more than anything we'd ever done, yet we never really had anyone reject us. Not everyone would talk to our son when he came home, but that too has healed.

We've come to realize that by sharing with other people we're giving them a place to go with their own hurts, without fear of condemnation. We have built up our faith in Christ, have become more confident in ourselves, and seem to have more courage to speak out about what Christ has done in our lives. □

## MICHAEL MALLOY Nashville, TN

Aside from my personal struggles, my experience with counseling other families troubled by homosexuality is helpful, too. I may not have first-hand knowledge of dealing with AIDS in the family, but I can share how other families have coped with it and other issues, such as finding out about a loved one's homosexuality, dealing with isolation from friends and family, getting educated, dealing with revulsion, the problem of lack of supportive relationships or confidantes.

Many families have little or no knowledge of homosexuality. One father told me as he left my office, "I have no idea what two men would do together." Barbara Johnson initially thought bisexuality was sex twice a month. Learning to talk about it takes time. There are negative reactions to consider: self-image, the family name.

**Many families have little or no knowledge of homosexuality . . . Learning to talk about it takes time.**

etc. After sorting through all that, I encourage parents to cautiously find someone to be available to them — a paraclete.

My goal in counseling is to present options. It often looks so bleak with only one or no alternatives. The truth that homosexuality can be dealt with creates all sorts of options — and hope. With Christ as our ultimate hope, the time I spend together with clients can totally reorient them, not just help them with their understanding of the immediate crisis. □



# H-Anon Director Named

by Keely E. Mix

After serving on the *Metanoia Ministries* staff in Seattle for a year as a psychology intern from Seattle Pacific University, Kelcie Sheriff, B.A., has been named the director of a new national program, *H-Anon Family Support Services*. H-Anon, a 14-step program which was spun off from *Homosexuals Anonymous Fellowship*, is a support group system for friends and family members with gay loved ones.

H-Anon is a natural outgrowth of the HA program, according to Dan Roberts, director of *Homosexuals Anonymous Fellowship Services* based in Reading, PA. The two groups are "closely paralleled organizations that can play off each other," he said, with H-Anon offering "guidance and group support for people who've had none."

H-Anon was conceived after HAFS co-founder Colin Cook issued an invitation at a *Metanoia*-sponsored conference in September, 1984, to anyone desiring to help adapt the HA model to a support system for significant others. Kelcie was invited by *Metanoia* director Douglas A. Houck to develop such a program. She and *Metanoia* staff person Robbi Kenney worked on policies and adapting the HA steps, but eventually settled on steps written by Jean Kyle in Grand Rapids, MI.

Jean Kyle, a group leader for *A Support of Love*, a parents group founded by Barbara Houck, Douglas Houck's mother, had been incorporating the HA steps into the teachings at the meetings since September, 1982. More



Kelcie Sheriff

son straight." After weathering several stormy meetings, the man left the group.

"I think he just needed to prove to himself that he was powerless," Kelcie added. She said that he has recently returned to the group "a completely different person."

The father's frustration and the low self-esteem that characterizes some of the groups' members is typical, she went on. There's a belief that "if you're good enough a person and you love (the homosexual person) enough," you can lead them to the truth. "That just isn't true. That directive has to come from God."

Dan Roberts agrees, suggesting that healing for the homosexual ideally should include the healing of guilt and pain experienced by his or her spouse, parents and other loved ones.

To facilitate that healing, HA and H-Anon can deliver a one-two punch, he said. "HA can help the person experiencing homosexuality come to grips with his life. H-Anon can help the family and friends come to grips, too."

Working with parents, spouses and others affected by another's homosexuality has been "very exciting," Kelcie said, adding that her challenge is to get people to explore their responsibility to their gay loved one, ask the Lord for forgiveness if necessary, and find healing in the "letting go" process.

"Wives and family members often take on guilt . . . and question their parenting, their personhood, their Christianity in big, black masses.

"But until you pick apart the guilt and the burden, you won't experience any feeling of release." □

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## SUPPORT GROUPS

The following ministries have a support group for parents:

**Spatula Ministries**, PO Box 444, La Habra, CA 90631; 213/691-7369. Barbara Johnson, director. (Newsletter for parents free on request, list of Spatula meetings available.)

**H-Anon Family Support Services**, a division of *Metanoia Ministries*\*, PO Box 33039, Seattle, WA 98133; 206/783-3500. Kelcie Sheriff, director. (List of H-Anon meetings available nationally.)

**Support of Love**\*, PO Box 9067, Wyoming, MI 49509; 616/532-5715. Barbara Houck, director. (Uses H-Anon format.)

**Love in Action**\*, PO Box 2655, San Rafael, CA 94912; 415/454-0960. Anita Worthen, group leader.

**New Creation Ministries**, PO Box 13126, Fresno, CA 93794; 209/264-6125. Bud Searcy, coordinator.

**Worthy Creations Ministry**, 3601 Davie Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312; 305/791-8210. Thomas Rogers, administrator.

**Challenge Ministry**, Chapel Hill Harvester Church, PO Box 371289, Decatur, GA 30037; 404/243-5020. Bob Middleton, ministry leader.

**Katapau**\*, PO Box 13962, Atlanta, GA 30324; 404/633-1700. Tom Seagraves, director.

**Regeneration**\*, PO Box 10574, Baltimore, MD 21285; 301/825-5232. Alan Medinger, director.

**Outpost**\*, 1821 University Ave. So, #S-296, St. Paul, MN 55104; 612/645-2530. Cathy Ford, director.

**The First Stone**, PO Box 1367, Bethany, OK 73008; 405/721-3536. Frank Rogers, director.

**Restoration Outreach**, 14952 E. 98th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055; 918/272-2931. Wanda & Jerry Harris, directors.

**Reconciliation**\*, PO Box 16751, Portland, Or 97216; 503/254-4252. Jerry Heacock, director.

**Christian Counseling Services**\*, PO Box 60383, Nashville, TN 37206; 615/254-8342. Michael Malloy, executive director.

**Reconciliation Resources**, PO Box 925415, Houston, TX 77292; 713/880-2655; Meri Bradley, director. (UPLIFT group for parents.)

**New Beginnings Ministries**\*, Box 1030, Station 'F', Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2T7; 416/921-6557. Pat Allen, director. □

\* Denotes ministries which appear on the EXODUS Referral List.

### **H-Anon is a support group system for friends and family members with homosexual loved ones.**

recently, a wives group has been formed using the step program under the covering of the Grand Rapids group.

In leading both a parents and wives group at *Metanoia's* offices, Kelcie Sheriff has come to understand the need to reaffirm the autonomy of the homosexual loved one, while offering understanding to those devastated by their loved one's choices. "Very tenderly, and over and over again, I try to give them the lesson that's in the first (H-Anon) step," she said. "They can love and support their child, but they cannot determine the decisions they make.

"One guy at the Seattle parents meeting wouldn't admit his powerlessness over his son's homosexuality," she said. While his son lived at home, the father thought it was a "good opportunity to inundate his gay son with literature, books, the Bible, counseling, everything. He came to H-Anon to equip himself . . . to set his



## What I've Learned as a Mother

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cede for him only if we put him on God's altar, giving praise that He knows what to do. There are many promises He makes about our children (Prov 11:21).

The period of time for our healing does not have to be prolonged, but differs depending on how "willing" we are to discipline ourselves in spending time in reading and studying God's Word, in spending time in prayer, praise and fellowship with God, and being involved with a body of believers in Jesus. God ministers to us through others, and "lone ranger Christians" are fair game for satan.

One of my prayers is that parents will be instrumental in speaking out to the Church regarding the problem of homophobia. If we are willing to trust Jesus with our reputations, we can prevail against the very gates of hell (Matthew 16:18) to reclaim our sons and daughters from this deception of the enemy, enlisting the help of the Body of Christ to unbind the graveclothes of those who struggle with homosexuality (John 11:44).

Remember God loves you as much as He loves your child. Allow Him to get through all your hurt and show His love to you. One of my favorite scriptures when I was going through the grief process was Mark 10:45, where Jesus says He came to minister, and not to be ministered unto. Be nice to yourself and allow the Lord to minister to you. God bless you! □

## Resources For Parents

### CASSETTES

*Help for Parents*, Mary Lebsack; delivered at EXODUS 1983; explores hang-ups parents must deal with in discovering a child's homosexuality; moving through the grief process. (ISBN 0-931593-04-2).

*Help for Parents*, Mary Lebsack; delivered at EXODUS 1984; a mom talks about her homosexual child. (ISBN 0-931593-42-5)

(Tapes available by sending \$4.00 + .50 postage per tape to: Business Products, 21 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80219. Make check to Business Products.)

### BOOKS

*Where Does a Mother Go to Resign?* Barbara Johnson; Bethany, 1979.

*Fresh Elastic for Stretched Out Moms*, Barbara Johnson, Revell, 1985.

*Parents in Pain*, John White; InterVarsity Press, 1979. (General, but includes chapter on homosexuality ghostwritten by Barbara Johnson.)

### GENERAL HELPS ON HOMOSEXUALITY

*Homosexuality: Laying the Axe to the Roots*, Ed Hurst; Outpost, 1821 University Ave So, #296, St. Paul, MN 55104. (Send \$3.00 + .50 postage.)

*The Broken Image*, Leanne Payne, Crossway Books; 1981. □

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have yet to apply for, or qualify to be on, the other list.

Producing both lists was a decision partly based on discovering that such agencies were used as referrals in any case when no EXODUS-approved ministries were available. Personal referrals have usually been accompanied with the warning that the groups not on the list might not be under any supervision by a board or a pastor who has the power to remove leadership in case of sexual immorality, or might be so new in their own freedom from homosexuality that counseling would be fairly superficial.

**Two lists will be available from EXODUS: the referral list of agencies which fulfill criteria as established and reputable organizations, and a much longer list of affiliates which have yet to apply for the referral list.**

With the growing number of ministries in the USA (over 60 currently), some simply prefer not to go through the red tape of applying for the EXODUS list which requires a number of items, including the ministry's existence for at least two years, being in regular contact with a current EXODUS board member for six months, attendance at a national EXODUS conference, and acquiring a local board of directors or the supervision of a local pastor who can step in if problems with the ministry occur.

Another criteria for the referral list is the stipulation that the director be free from sexual immorality for a minimum of one year. Many new ministries are led by men and women who have not been free from homosexual sin long enough to establish a track record. The EXODUS board has been concerned that such ministers are often ministering out of a zeal not unlike what happens to alcoholics who come into sobriety and want to convert others. The enthusiasm wanes, and such new ministries have often fallen by the wayside as the director struggles with issues he's unable to admit to, because of loudly proclaiming his "healing." The board wants to help nurture such new people along before including them on a list of established ministries.

But including such younger ministries on a companion list with a disclaimer might be a means of extending the resources of the older EXODUS agencies to the newer ministries, facilitating communications, and providing referrals for those who don't mind taking a chance on a new ministry. □

## CALENDAR

**March 14-15 (Fri-Sat)**

"Homosexuality and the Church: A Ministry of Healing" with Colin Cook, in **Philadelphia, PA** (no HA accreditation). Contact: HA Fellowship Services, Box 7881, Reading, PA 19603; 215/376-1146.

**March 22 (Sat)**

"The Church and the Homosexual" with Jack Hickey, in **Lincoln Park, MI**. Contact: Reconciliation Ministries, PO Box 482, Wyandotte, MI 48192; 313/281-0773.

**April 7-11 (Mon-Fri)**

Training conference for those interested in ministry to men and women wanting freedom from homosexuality, with Fr. Pere Xavier Thevenot, in **Melun, France**. Contact: Devenir Un, B.P. 820 La Rochette, 77012 Melun Cedex, FRANCE.

**April 5 (Sat)**

"Biblical Sexuality" with Alan Medinger and Sy Rogers, in **Jacksonville, FL**. Contact: Rev. Robert Weeks, Servants of Christ Episcopal Church, PO Box 23302, Jacksonville, FL 32241; 904/268-2807.

**April 18-19 (Fri-Sat)**

"Homosexuality and the Church: A Ministry of Healing" with Colin Cook, in **Houston, TX** (no HA accreditation). Contact: HAFS, as above.

**April 18-20 (Fri-Sun)**

"Pleasant Words", a seminar on the healing of homosexuality with Mario Bergner, in **Milwaukee, WI**. Contact: Christ Word Bound, PO Box 92202, Milwaukee, WI 53202. 414/272-5637.

**May 3 (Sat)**

"Overcoming Homosexuality" with Gala Durance and Sy Rogers, in **Winter Park, FL**. Contact: Eleútheros, 1298 Minnesota #D, Winter Park, FL 32789; 305/629-5770.

**May 5-9 (Mon-Fri)**

"The Healing of Homosexuality" counseling seminar with Colin Cook, in **Reading, PA** (no HA accreditation). Contact: HAFS, as above.

**May 7-10 (Wed-Sat)**

"Same-Sex Friendships and the Healing of the Homosexual Person" with David W. Smith, Doug Houck, Robbi Kenney, Kelcie Sheriff, in **Seattle, WA**. Contact: Metanoia Ministries, Box 33039, Seattle, WA 98133; 206/783-3500.

**May 23-24 (Fri-Sat)**

"Homosexuality and the Church: A Ministry of Healing" with Colin Cook, in **Los Angeles, CA**. Contact: HAFS, as above.

**June 13-14 (Fri-Sat)**

"Homosexuality and the Church: A Ministry of Healing" with Colin Cook, in **Boston, MA** (no HA accreditation). Contact: HAFS, as above.

**June 20-21 (Fri-Sat)**

Seminar on overcoming homosexuality with Ed Hurst, in **Jackson, MS**. Contact: Freiheit, PO Box 8802, Jackson, MS 39204. □



# Across the USA

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**Seattle** - St Luke's Episcopal Church has announced its own ministry to homosexuals under the name of *Transformation*. Carrie Wingfield, former volunteer for *Metanoia Ministries*, is its director . . .

**Portland** - Jerry and Rosie Heacock, featured in Don Baker's book *Beyond Rejection: The Church, Homosexuality and Hope*, have begun a new support group with parents of gay kids under their ministry *Reconciliation* . . .

**Boise** - Theresa Silva has organized a new ministry called *Step By Step*. She's working in conjunction with Calvary Chapel and has already appeared on a local Christian radio talk show . . .

## PACIFIC COAST

**San Jose** - Pat Lindstrom, on staff with South Hills Community Church, reports that she's had over 30% of her questionnaires returned on her research project linking family alcoholism with the development of homosexuality in a child . . .

**Los Angeles** - Andy Comiskey, Alan Medinger and Frank Worthen taped *The Today Show* in November, discussing freedom from homosexuality . . .

**Santa Monica** - Starla Allen, a student at Biola University, has been named the new director of women's ministries at *Desert Stream*, succeeding Marilyn Hardin . . .

**San Diego** - Kathleen Bremner, director of *Spatula II*, a partner ministry of Barbara Johnson's *Spatula Ministries* (La Habra), conducted her first seminar on homosexuality in January. Andy Comiskey and Barbara Johnson spoke to over 100 pastors, therapists and lay people . . .

**San Rafael, CA** - Feeling the need for an increased emphasis on local ministry, *Love In Action* has expanded its group meetings to include open weekly meetings (men), monthly group meetings for women, a support group for



Guests on a recent Phil Donahue show were (l-r): Sy Rogers (Eleútheros, Winter Park, FL), Frank Worthen (Love In Action, San Rafael, CA), Joanne Highley (LIFE, New York, NY) and Colin Cook (Quest Learning Center, Reading, PA).

parents each month, and a support fellowship for spouses which meets every 2 weeks. The men's meetings have grown so big that a second group is now meeting in the San Jose area . . .

## ROCKIES

**Denver** - Mary Lebsock, coordinator of *His New Creations*, announces the addition of Mary Ann Fisher as HNC's administrative coordinator and Mary Heathman as coordinator of special services. Their new office was opened last November . . .

## SOUTHWEST

**Tucson** - Michael Hastings has opened a new ministry called *True Perceptions* . . .

**Phoenix** - Dan Roberts, director of *HA Fellowship Services*, was interviewed on the Sally Jessy Raphael Show, along with director David Caligiuri of *Free Indeed* . . .

## NORTH CENTRAL

**St Paul** - Ed Hurst is working on a new book called *Overcoming Life Dominating Sins*. In conjunction with it, he'll be conducting a 12 week seminar based on his material at the *OUTPOST* Office from February through April . . .

**Milwaukee** - A ministry to gays called *Christ Word Bound* under the covering of Eastbrook Church has been operating for the past two years. Director Mario Bergner reports that two weekly HA group meetings are part of the services offered . . .

## SOUTH CENTRAL

**Haysville, KS** - Mary Webb has started a newsletter for women from gay backgrounds, under the name *Freedom*. She and Ladonna Green (*Desert Stream*, Santa Monica, CA) are collaborating on the effort and welcome any input . . .

**Webster Grove, MO** - Jeanine McRoy has begun *God Is Love Ministries* with the support of her Christian Missionary & Alliance church. She says it's primarily an evangelistic outreach, doing bar and prison witnessing . . .

**St Louis, MO** - Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church is sponsoring a support group called *Abundant Life Ministry for Recovering Homosexuals*, under the direction of the minister of education and music, Harold E. Jagels . . .

**Bethany, OK** - Frank and Peg Rogers (*First Stone Ministries*) report the start-up of a new AIDS Project, ministering to AIDS patients in hospitals. They've been busy with seminars in St. Louis, MO and Oklahoma City, and have sponsored a showing in Bethany of the *L.I.F.E. Ministry* (New York, NY) video to area pastors . . .

**Tulsa, OK** - Representatives from *Restoration Outreach* and the HA chapter in Tulsa were recently featured in a 4-part radio series titled, "Homosexuality - Uncomfortable Issue in Christianity" . . .

**Stillwater, OK** - A new HA chapter has begun under the name *Genesis II* (from the creation account of man and woman in the second chapter of Genesis), according to "Turnaround", the newsletter of the Yale, OK ministry, *Free Indeed* . . .

**Dallas** - James Pocta, director of *A.I.M.*, has been invited to address the Dallas Fellowship of Christian Athletes' conference this spring . . .

**Houston** - Meri Bradley, associate director of *Reconciliation Resources*, had lunch with one of the leaders of a pro-gay group who, after ascertaining that the ministry was not "another hate group", agreed to endorse the effort, acknowledging that there are those in turmoil over their homosexuality who want what *Reconciliation Resources* offers . . .

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Kathleen Bremner, director of *Spatula II*



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### MIDWEST

**Chicago** - *Common Ground Ministries* has published a new pamphlet called *The Emotional Response to the Aids Diagnosis*, and it's available for anyone who wants to know how to help an AIDS patient. "The Hopeful Helpers", a support group for friends and family members under *Common Ground*, is incorporating the H-Anon program into their meetings.

**Grand Rapids** - *Hypneriken* now offers Homosexuals Anonymous Fellowship chapters

Roberta Laurila, author of *Gay Liberation*, shared her testimony at the Ionia County Fair last fall, and has been offering her book free through ads in *Christian Life Magazine*.

**Detroit** - Jack Hickey of *Reconciliation* has been given a radio talk show on a local station that will be heard weekly under the name "Victory Notes".

**Cincinnati** - Gary Sweeten, on staff at College Hill Presbyterian, has put his material on temptation into booklet form. *I Can Resist Anything But Temptation* is now available for \$1.00 from the Christian Information Committee.

### NORTHEAST

**Manchester** - *Redirection Ministry* has begun its own weekly radio show called "Understanding Homosexuality," and director Paul Demers reports that *Redirection* volunteers have shared their testimonies in Portland, ME and gone back to do a television show called "The Spirit is Alive"

**New York City** - Joanne Highley, Frank Worthen, Colin Cook, Sy Rogers and Dr. Lawrence Hatterer appeared on The Phil Donahue Show in December, and spouses Ron Highley, Sharon Cook and Anita Worthen were also featured from the audience. Joanne and Ron were featured on The 700 Club in January discussing ministry to AIDS patients. L.I.F.E. Ministry sponsored a Forum in December featuring the Worthens, Sy Rogers and the Highleys, at Living World Fellowship. L.I.F.E. has been given the opportunity to broadcast a weekly cable television program starting in January.

**Philadelphia** - *Harvest* has been recognized by the Philadelphia Presbytery as an official co-operative ministry of the Presbytery. It will function under the auspices of the Special Ministries Committee to Missions to North America.

**Reading, PA** - *Homosexuals Anonymous Fellowship Services* installed an 800 number to promote HAFS and chapter meetings on The Phil Donahue Show. By the end of the week of that broadcast, Dan Roberts said that over 4,000 calls had been logged. Toni Wlasniewski has been added to the full-time *Quest/HAFS* office staff as associate administrative assistant.

**Grantham, PA** - An H.A. fellowship group has been running for several months, under the direction of Gene Chase.

**Baltimore** - *Regeneration* staff have made a series of presentations to the InterVarsity chapter of George Washington University. Alan Medinger, *Regeneration* director, has gone full-time with the Baltimore ministry.

### SOUTHEAST

**Virginia Beach** - *Broken Yoke* has opened its doors, with Rev. Peter Marengo as director, and the following staff: Rev. John R. Carraway, pastor of Trinity Tabernacle; Rev. Evelyn Puckett, a former wife of a gay man; Mrs. Nancy Ward, who has been in ministry to gays for a number of years; Mrs. Nancy Davis; and Katherine Allen, a CBN University student and former Dean of Women of an upstate New York private college.

**Atlanta** - Russell McCraw has relocated his *Be Whole* office from Montgomery, AL to Atlanta.

**Statesville, NC** - *Metamorphosis* has put out its new brochure, and founders Beverly Dunlap and Mary Fowler are running their support groups under the covering of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

**Jackson, MS** - Amy Ashcraft has returned to her hometown after an internship at *OUTPOST* in St Paul, MN to open her own ministry, *Freiheit* (German for freedom).

**Jacksonville, FL** - *Freedom In Action* is sponsoring a conference on ministering to the homosexual aimed at area Episcopal churches.

**Orlando** - Lou Vinton, 15 years out of the gay lifestyle, has been added to the fulltime staff of *Eleútheros*. Sy Rogers of *Eleútheros* was featured on the radio show "Unshackled" from Pacific Garden Missions, Chicago.

**Ft Lauderdale** - *Worthy Creations* sponsored its first conference, entitled "Hurdles to Ministry," in February at the West Lauderdale Baptist Church.

**Port Richey, FL** - An American branch of the Norway ministry *An Outstretched Hand* is forming under the directorship of Mary DeFalco. Mary's testimony was aired in February on The 700 Club. □



## Family Matters

Nancie Swain (*Metanoia Ministries, Seattle, WA*) is expecting her third child this spring. Andrea and Tim Smith (*Desert Stream, Santa Monica, CA*) are expecting their first child in June. Cathy Ford (*OUTPOST, St Paul, MN*) graduated from St Mary's College with her Master's in Counseling and Psychological Services and, in addition to directing *OUTPOST*, is a part-time associate at Associated Resources in Psychology, a private mental health clinic in the St Paul area. Jeff Ford, former director of *OUTPOST*, has received his licensure as a psychologist in Minnesota, and is in private practice as Associated Resources in Psychology. Geoff Percival (*PILOT, Belfast, N. Ireland*) is recovering from his second heart attack. Chris Medcalf (*Turning Point, London, England*) asks prayers on Geoff's behalf, and also for the direction of the Belfast ministry. Jim Johnson, director of *IAMCO (Paramount, CA)* has announced his engagement to Rebecca Tennant. A July wedding is planned. Sy and Karen Rogers (*Eleútheros, Winter Park, FL*) gave birth to their first child, Grace Noël, on December 29. □

## Around the World



**London** - A changing of the guard on *Turning Point's* Executive Committee has occurred, according to director Chris Medcalf. Rev. Clive Calver of the Evangelical Alliance and Rev. Lyndon Bowring of *CARE* Trust have been replaced by Brian Mills and Dr. Anne Townsend of those organizations, respectively.

**Liverpool** - *True Freedom Trust* (Merseyside, England) has dedicated its new facility, Fairfield Lodge, which is the site of Martin Hallet's office and headquarters for the ministry's Harbinger groups, the British support group system. Martin is working on the final chapter of his book, *I Am Learning to Love*, due for publication this year.

**Oslo** - Eva Holmberg, director of *En Utrakt Hand*, has been visiting a friend in Florida for several months, and during that time was interviewed on The 700 Club. Staff member Olaug Moy, with the ministry since its start in 1982, has left to attend Bible College in Sweden.

**Copenhagen** - The EXODUS gathering for European ministries scheduled for late June has been cancelled. Leaders have been encouraged to attend the Paris training seminar instead, slated for April 7-11 and sponsored by the French ministry *Devenir Un*.

**San Jose, Costa Rica** - Mirta Mata was a guest on the radio show "The Lighthouse of the Caribbean" during which she read Robbi Kenney's "Buried in the Church" (printed in the *Evangelical Beacon* in 1983) and Darlene Bogle's testimony "God Set Me Free from Lesbianism" (printed in *Christian Family Magazine* in 1984). Mirta has translated a number of articles by various ministries into Spanish for distribution.

**Brisbane** - The first national conference on ministering to the homosexual was held last November in Melbourne, Australia. *Liberty* director Peter Lane says the ministries who gathered, including representatives from New Zealand, finalized the name of the coalition they have all agreed to be a part of: *Restoration Ministries*. Peter says that outreaches are in the beginning stages in Darwin N.T., Sydney and Canberra.

**Auckland** - Rev. Ian Hooker, chairman of *EXO-DUS Fellowship* in New Zealand, traveled with Ted Park to the United States last summer to visit various ministries and become certified to lead Homosexuals Anonymous chapters back home. Last fall they began their first chapters in the country in Auckland, and were invited to Christchurch to present HA there at a conference last October.

**Christchurch** - Coalition of Concerned Citizens has published "The Social Effects of Homosexuality in New Zealand", a booklet to address the concerns raised by the "Homosexual Law Reform Bill", legislation to legalize homosexual acts. Readers are directed to *Metanoia* and *Quest* for information on overcoming homosexuality. □



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\$295.00, which includes housing on campus from Sunday night through Saturday morning, three meals per day, plus all classes. Those desiring air-conditioned rooms and semi-private bathrooms can pay an additional \$45.

Special guest speaker this year is Dr. Samuel Southard, professor of Pastoral Theology since 1978 in the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. Dr. Southard is a member of the EXODUS board of reference, and has authored many books, including *Training Church Members for Pastoral Care*. He will be speaking on "Healing through Christian Community" (a biblical theology of friendship), "Basic Considerations of Pastoral Care and Counseling", plus several workshops on pastoral care in a church/parachurch context.

A special four-part series on fund raising will also be presented, covering many aspects of financial management in ministry, including the biblical basis for fund raising, practical ways to raise money for your ministry needs, approaching churches for financial help, how to write appeal letters, and how to develop a budget.

Other classes offered this year include: *Overcoming Life-dominating Sins*, material from a forthcoming book by Ed Hurst; *Reflections on Ten Years in EXODUS*, taught by board president, Robbi Kenney;

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*Fears and Aversions regarding Heterosexuality*, a two-part series on a vital topic in this field of ministry; *Examination of Pro-gay Theology*, answers to Christians who claim homosexual practice is within God's will for the believer; *Making the Most of Media Opportunities*, including dealing with newspaper reporters, and preparing yourself for TV and radio appearances; *Introduction of H-Anon for Wives*, a practical support program and how to implement it in your ministry, taught by Kelcie Sheriff; *Alcoholism & Development of Homosexuality*, a report on a 1985 study among EXODUS affiliates; *Ministry to Ex-gay Women*, by a former lesbian; plus instruction on how to minister to parents, AIDS patients, pedophiles, transvestites, and transsexuals. The schedule will include lectures, small workshops, discussion/prayer cells and lots of time for sharing and fellowship during free times and meals.

This year's conference will be hosted by L.I.F.E. Ministries, a dynamic outreach in New York City founded and directed by the

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Episcopalians for Biblical Sexuality board members (l-r): Alan Medinger, Robbi Kenney, Rev. Ted Nelson, Rev. Kevin Martin. Missing: Pamela Borgen, a lay woman from St Luke's, Seattle.

evangelical, Anglo-Catholic and charismatic Episcopal clergy and lay leaders concerned about the direction of the denomination.

Alan Medinger is a life-long Episcopalian and a vestrymember of his church, St Mary's Episcopal in Baltimore. Robbi Kenney, a member of St Luke's Episcopal in Seattle, has recently been accepted into seminary at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, near Pittsburgh.

The goals for the next three years for EBS include organizing a network of ministry referrals throughout the denomination, relying heavily on existing EXODUS agencies where there are no Episcopal resources, providing literature and booktables at diocesan conventions, proclaiming hope and healing for the homosexual, and publishing materials and a newsletter.

Robbi Kenney will be directing the new agency while she is in seminary, leaving her half time position with *Metanoia* in June. □

husband-wife team of Ron and Joanne Highley.

Although classes begin Monday morning, June 23, a special session at 6:30 pm the night before will allow ample time for introductions and impromptu testimonies from arriving participants. It is an excellent chance to get acquainted and has been a conference highlight every year.

A commuter fee of \$220.00 for local participants will include all classes, lunches and suppers during the week (except Thursday's supper). Another option is the daily fee of \$45.00, which includes one day's classes and meals (lunch and supper).

All fees are due in the EXODUS office by May 15, 1986. A brochure and application form are available through the EXODUS address. For those not able to attend, all



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classes will be taped and a complete list of titles will be available through EXODUS immediately after the conference. □

- Bob Davies

## Ordering Moberly Books

Companies in the U.S. which distribute books by Elizabeth Moberly have all undergone an address change recently. The new addresses are: **Homosexuality: A New Christian Ethic** - write: Attic Press, Rt 2, Stony Point, Greenwood SC 29646; \$6.95. **Psychogenesis** - write Routledge & Kegan Paul, 29 West 35th St, New York, NY 10001; \$19.95. **The Psychology of Self and Other** - write: Methuen Inc, 29 West 35th St, New York, NY 10001; \$17.95.

(The addresses above are correct; two companies share the same address. For your convenience, all of the above books can be ordered by mail by contacting Christian Discount Book Center, 115 No. 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103; 206/789-4272.) □