



JULY 2007

Comunidad

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, ST. MATTHEWS'S CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

Mark Your

Future First Tuesday Meetings at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall are Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4.

Annual Retreat

Our Annual Retreat on Sep 28-30 is being lead by Franciscan Priest, Fr. Dan Lackie, OFM, from Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Huntington Beach. Our theme is **Stand in the Light: Who Am I in the Church?** We have open rooms available for \$150 per person for double occupancy and \$165 per person for a single. For more information, call Anna 562 987-0130.

Wear Your Colors

Please wear your Comunidad shirt on **Solidarity Sunday, July 1, 2007**. T-shirts are available for \$10.00 in medium, large, X-large and XX-large. To buy a shirt, call Tony at (562) 439-0531.

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2007
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

Family Reunion BBQ

Please join us for our annual **BBQ** on Tuesday, **July 3rd**. This year's theme is **FAMILY REUNION**. We hope to see all those members of the Comunidad family we haven't seen in awhile. New family members are welcome too! Bring a friend and bring a side dish or dessert to share... it's a **POTLUCK!** Our evening starts at **7:00PM** in Meisel Hall. All are welcome.

Ecumenical BBQ

Please join Jim (Chair of EFLAGS: Episcopal Fellowship of Lesbians, Gays and Straights, St. Wilfrid's, Huntington Beach) and Steven (Co-founder, Comunidad) at their home in Huntington Beach on **Saturday, August 4th from 11:00am to 3:00pm** for their 4th Annual Ecumenical BBQ. Bring a dish to share. Drinks, burgers, chicken and veggie burgers will be provided! Please **RSVP 714 536-5172** so we can get a count for drinks and meat. Maps will be available at the July 3rd Comunidad meeting, otherwise phone or email Steven at samsotherdad@earthlink.net by July 31st for the info.

Queers in Christ

The **OUTFEST** Film Festival, July 12-23, 2007, has a series of five films which explore topics such as: Gay Christians and how they reconcile their beliefs with their sexual identity, the religious right and their "Pink Purge" agenda to deny gay rights, the politics of church vs. state, and Gay Christian singers. Info about OUTFEST can be found at www.outfest.org.

O God of all, at this time of our gradual awakening
to the dangers we are imposing on our beautiful Earth,
open the hearts and minds of all your children,
that we may learn to nurture rather than destroy our planet. **Amen**

Lorraine R. Schmitz

For more info about Comunidad call Jen at 310 408-9122 or Tony at 562 439-0531.