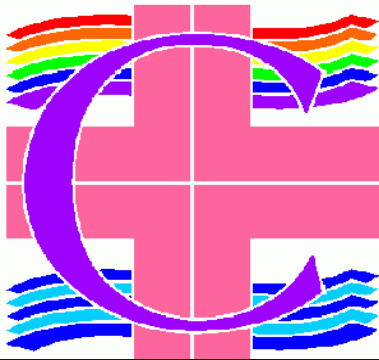


APRIL 2009

Comunidad

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



Mark Your Calendar

Comunidad meets the first Tuesday of each month. We have a social time from 7:00-7:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:30. We ordinarily meet in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

April 7th

Holy Week Seder Meal

May 5th

Cinco de Mayo celebration

May 16th-17th

Long Beach LGBT Pride

May 30th

Annual Ecumenical BBQ

June 2nd

"Give Me One Reason to Stay Here," with special guest Fr. Jack Stoeger

July 7th

4th or July/Summer BBQ

Planning ahead...

October 16th-18th, 2009

Annual Comunidad Retreat

For additional information please e-mail us or call Ray at 562-590-9309. You may also visit our website: www.comunidadlb.org

Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

As we journey together through Holy Week, please join us on April 7th for a special LGBT SEDER MEAL. The Seder is a traditional Jewish meal to mark Passover, and is the basis of Jesus' last supper as well as our Catholic Mass today. We will use a version adapted from "The Stonewall Seder" used by an LGBT Jewish congregation in New York City. The Seder will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served beforehand.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, IMPORTANT EVENTS AT WHICH COMUNIDAD PLANS TO BE PRESENT:

****LONG BEACH PRIDE MARCH & FESTIVAL: MAY 16TH-17TH**

****LONG BEACH AIDS WALK: JUNE 20TH**

We will collect donations after all Masses at St. Matthew's the 3 weekends prior.

2009 ANNUAL APPEAL

By now, Comunidad members should have received a letter asking your financial support for 2009. We realize that times are tough and money is tight, but our ministry to the LGBT community faces greater challenges than ever. However much you are able to give, your support is critical. **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity!

WE WASH EACH OTHER'S FEET ON THIS HOLY THURSDAY. WE THEN TAKE THIS ACT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE CONTINUE TO WASH FEET WHEN WE INVOLVE OURSELVES IN CARING FOR THOSE WITH AIDS, BREAST CANCER OR ANY LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS. OTHER FORMS OF FOOT WASHING INCLUDE HOUSING THE HOMELESS, CLOTHING THE NAKED, HELPING TO END SEXISM, RACISM & HOMOPHOBIA, AND LETTING PEACE START WITH US. AS WE WASH EACH OTHER'S FEET AS JESUS DID FOR THE APOSTLES, LET US REMEMBER: WE ARE FREE!

HAVE A HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER!

Questions? Comments? Ideas? E-Mail us at: comunidad@comunidadlb.org