



OCTOBER 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.

### October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Women Health Conference  
(see block to right)

### October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>

National Coming Out Week at CSULB, Comunidad to participate on the 7<sup>th</sup> (see block to right)

### October 6<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary's CARE Program  
(see block, above right)

### October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

Annual Comunidad Retreat  
(see block to right)

### November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Annual Memorial Service

### December 1<sup>st</sup>

Posadas

### January 5<sup>th</sup>

New Years Mass

For additional information please e-mail us or call Ray at 562-590-9309 or visit our website: [www.comunidadlb.org](http://www.comunidadlb.org)

**Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

**The Mission of St. Mary's CARE program is "to make high quality health and social services available to HIV/AIDS infected and affected individuals and families in a manner that is professional, compassionate, and recognizes the dignity and the autonomy of each individual."**  
**Join us at our Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carlos Ruiz, Health Educator at St. Mary's will address St. Mary's commitment to quality care.**

### 2009 Annual Retreat October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

The annual retreat is the highlight of the Comunidad calendar. This is a time for a spiritual time-out. This year's theme is:

*Flow River Flow: Navigating the waters of our life as Lesbian and Gay Catholics.*

We are privileged to have Vicki Wenz, campus minister at Morehead State University, Kentucky lead our retreat. Visit website: [Vicki](#).

For retreat details and to sign up go to website: [Retreat](#)

### Women Health Conference October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Free Event including Health Information and Screenings

Contact Rosa Kelson at (562) 437-0791  
(option 3) Ext. 224.

### Annual Appeal

We wish to express our grateful thanks to all who participated in this year's appeal.

### National Coming Out Week at CSULB

On October 7<sup>th</sup> (11 am- 2 pm), as part of NCOW, gay Christian conversation will be conducted with various churches (including us). Please attend if you can.

### 2010 Steering Committee

Elections for the 2010 steering committee are scheduled for the November meeting. We are seeking members who are willing to give time and effort to further the ministry. You can nominate yourself or another member only with the member's permission. Submit names to any of the committee members or by email.

Questions? Comments?  
Ideas? E-Mail us at:  
[comunidad@comunidadlb.org](mailto:comunidad@comunidadlb.org)

**We are pilgrims on a journey. We are brothers on the road.  
We are here to help each other, Walk the mile and bear the load.**  
--The Servant Song