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Ministry for Lesbian and Gay Catholics

March 2010

Mark Your Calendar

MONTHLY MEETING

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM
ST. MATTHEW'S MEISEL HALL
672 TEMPLE AVE.
LONG BEACH, CA 90802

MARCH 2ND

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 19TH – 21ST

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS IN ANAHEIM

MARCH 28TH

FOURTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

APRIL 6TH

CREATING A SPACE FOR GOD

MAY 4TH

CINCO DE MAYO AT COMUNIDAD

MAY 16TH – 17TH

LONG BEACH PRIDE
WELCOME HOME CATHOLIC BOOTH

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Our March Gathering

Stations of the Cross

On Tuesday March 2nd Comunidad prays the Stations of the Cross. The Stations recall the Via Dolorosa, the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. Along the way we reflect on our own journey as Gay and Lesbian Catholics. We will meet in Meisel Hall at 7:00 pm. At 7:30 pm Stations will begin in the Church.

Please join us.

Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal letter was sent to all members whose addresses are listed in our database. If you did not receive a letter, Comunidad does not have your address. We would like to update our database with your current address and phone. Please contact us with your information. Even if you did not receive a letter, you can send your check to St. Matthew's Church c/o Comunidad and we will receive it.

The Appeal is very important to us, since your tax-deductible donation is our only source of revenue. The money is used to continue our ministry to Gay and Lesbian Catholics. In addition to holding monthly meetings our other activities include a spiritual retreat, AIDS walk, Long Beach Pride booth and the Parish festival.

Economic times are challenging. Please consider donating to Comunidad. No amount is too small. Thank you.

Fourth Sunday Brunch

Comunidad Sunday brunch is back by popular demand. On the fourth Sunday of every

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month we will meet in the Church courtyard after the 10:30 am Mass and go to a local restaurant to continue our Christian fellowship. The first brunch will be held on March 28th. Please join us.

Scott and McDonnell

Comunidad wishes to thank Mack Scott for his February presentation. Mack discussed the Black vote for Prop. 8. One point that Mack made was that gay marriage was not only a civil right but more fundamentally a human

right. Gays and Lesbians must initiate a conversation with the Black community and explain our cause in these terms.

On February 17, Governor Bob McDonnell of Virginia signed an executive order rescinding protections for Gay State Workers. It was proclaimed with the usual thin mask of political correctness disguising core bigotry. Yes, that's right. It is the same Governor Bob who gave the Republican rebuttal to President Obama's State of the Union message.

Civil right, human rights. Who has the real Christian message Mack or Governor Bob?

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A Lenten Reflection

Jen O'Malley

As we enter the Lenten season we often think of the tradition of Fasting. "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the yoke, to let the oppressed go free?" (Isaiah 58:6). This verse from Isaiah reminds us that fasting is not simply a personal journey, but a communal act that calls us to loosen the bonds of oppression in ourselves, our families, our neighborhoods and in our world.

At this very moment approximately 500,000 of our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) brothers and sisters, in Uganda, are facing the possibility of living in a country that will put them in prison or under certain circumstances, sentence them to death for being GLBT or associating with GLBT persons. The proposal of this law came to be in the spring of 2009 after a presentation, by 3 evangelical "Christians" from the US, on the "gay agenda." Since that time the GLBT community in Uganda has faced increasing amounts of estrangement in their own

communities. Those brave enough to speak up spend their days wondering: "Will I survive another day of harassment by the police and the media?" "Is this the death threat that will kill me?" "Will I be beat today?"

If we are to take the call of Isaiah seriously, this Lenten season we have no choice but to be the voice of our voiceless brothers and sisters in Uganda. Consider doing one or more of the following as you move through this Lenten season:

Call or write to your Representative to ask them to co-sponsor HR.RES 1064, a resolution condemning the Ugandan Bill.

If you have given something up this lent:

- Use the money you would have used to buy that item and make a donation to a gay and lesbian or human rights organization.
- When you think of the item you gave up say a prayer in solidarity for the GLBT community in Uganda.

Take time to educate someone on the topic.