

Voices Crying Out in the Wilderness

DUKE UNIVERSITY



SEPTEMBER 27TH 2003

You are invited to a day-long conference focused on worshipping together and learning how you can make the United Methodist Church inclusive of its gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender brothers and sisters.

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness" Mark 1: 2 (NRSV)



This event is co-sponsored by Reconciling United Methodists and Friends of North Carolina and Sacred Worth of Duke Divinity School



Featuring keynote speaker Jimmy Creech, worship leader Dr. Philip Wogaman and dynamic workshop leaders.

Workshops include:

"Didn't Wesley settle this 200 years ago?"

Dr. Gayle Felton

History of the struggle in the UMC



"How can we shape the Discipline?"

Dr. Belton Joyner

Resolutions and processes of Annual and General Conferences



"What difference could I possibly make in my Annual Conference?"

Sam Isley, Helen King and Dr. Jean E. Aycock

On courage and techniques for witnessing in love



"Where can I find out what my church believes?"

Members of University UMC, Chapel Hill, NC

Planning and teaching

"The Church Studies Homosexuality"

"Pastor, my grandson is gay..."

Rev. Laurie Hays Coffman

Pastoral care for families of GLBT persons



"Has the Methodist Church ever excluded any of God's children before?"

Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell

Parallels between issues of race and homosexuality in the church



"What does the Bible say about this?"

Sue Laurie

An overview of relevant OT and NT texts



"The Kids are Alright"

Nick Shepard, co-creator/producer

Video documentary produced by Triangle area GLBT teens

Shuttle Vans will be provided from parking areas.

For Registration Information visit our website <http://rumnc.tripod.com>