

Capitol Hill United Methodist Church
The Reconciling Community Process
Coming to Consensus
March 29 through May 20, 2005

Opportunities/Qualifying Events for Education and Discussion**

March 29 (Tuesday, 7pm in the parlor): “The United Methodist Church and Homosexuality,” an educational slide show and facilitated discussion.

March 30 through May 18 (every Wednesday, 7pm in the parlor): “Claiming the Promise, An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study Resource on Homosexuality.”

April 3 (Sunday, after church in the fellowship hall): “One Town’s Struggle with God, Gays and Bigotry,” video, as seen on ABC’s “Nightline”, and discussion.

April 9 (Saturday, 2:30pm in the parlor): “Becoming a Reconciling Congregation,” speakers from two reconciling congregations (Dumbarton UMC and Foundry UMC) share experiences and reactions of two congregations as they decided whether to become reconciling congregations.

April 14 (CHUM Women, Thursday, 6:45 in the parlor): “A Parent’s Story,” a member from the Parents Reconciling Network will share a parent’s perspective on the issue, followed by a discussion.

April 17 (TnT, Sunday, 6pm in the parlor): “One Town’s Struggle with God, Gays and Bigotry,” video, as seen on ABC’s “Nightline”, and discussion.

April 24 (Sunday, after church in the fellowship hall): Sermon discussion with the Rev. Harry Kiely.

May 5 (Thursday, 7pm in the parlor): “What it means to be a Reconciling Congregation and Why,” panel discussion with the Rev. Mary Kraus (pastor at Dumbarton UMC), Ron Gebhardtshauer (member at Foundry UMC) and the Rev. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell (former Reconciling Ministries Network Board member and Wesley Seminary faculty).

May 9 (Monday, 7pm in the parlor): Book Group discussion of “Stranger at the Gate: To be Gay and Christian in America,” by author Mel White.

May 19 (Thursday, 7pm in the parlor): A time to hear and reflect on the stories of clergy who have been excluded from the church, as we welcome into our midst the *Shower of Stoles*, a collection of liturgical stoles that have been donated by or on behalf of gay and lesbian clergy who have been excluded from the church or forced to keep their sexual orientation secret.

*****You must participate in at least one of these events in order to participate in the process of consensus on May 21.***