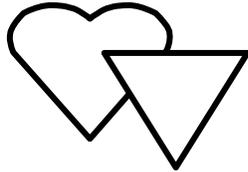




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IN THE PFLAG HARTFORD FAMILY:

HARTFORD PFLAG MEMBER, does her bit to help further same-sex marriage legislation. Read all about it on page 2.

TRUE COLORS CONFERENCE PFLAG Hartford will once again sponsor and participate in this conference for LGBT youth. We need volunteers to staff our booth, and there will be sign-up sheets available at our regular monthly meetings. (See Upcoming/Ongoing Events on page 2 for more information.)

PFLAG is a welcoming place for parents and friends of lesbians & gays, but we are much more than that. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex people are also encouraged to attend our meetings. GLBTI people come with or without their family members, and parents and friends come with or without their GLBTI loved ones. PFLAG is for YOU!

PFLAG HARTFORD MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS: Third Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Congregational Church House, 10 Woodland Street (Just North of Farmington Ave.), Hartford. For more information, please call Marie & Bob at (860) 633-7184 or Becky & John at (860) 633-5111.

REFRESHMENT REMINDER:

January 17 – Rose & Larry P.

February 21 – Joan J.

March 21 – Karen P.

April 18 – Nina L.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Student/Limited Income: \$10

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*Please make your check payable to **PFLAG Hartford** and Send it to:
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**UPCOMING PFLAG HARTFORD
BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m.
Hosted by David O.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and their families and friends through:

SUPPORT, to cope with an adverse society

EDUCATION, to enlighten an ill-informed public

ADVOCACY, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

UPCOMING /ONGOING EVENTS

- **RAINBOW ROOM** (a program of the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective) – a welcoming place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and questioning “LGBTQ” teens and young adults (up to 21 years old). Sundays, 3-6 p.m., 1841 Broad Street (the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective building). For more information please visit our website at www.hglhc.org or contact us at sensae@aol.com or call 860/278-4163.
- **Trans SOFFA Support Group in Connecticut:** This is a group specifically for Significant Others, Family, Friends and Allies of Transgendered, Transsexual and Gender Variant people (SOFFAs). Trans people who are SOFFAs are welcome. Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month and are facilitated by Kristal Barnes and Kasha Ho. Contact Kristal - u2kristal@yahoo.com (860) 878-5256 or Kasha - kho@afsc.org or call (860) 523-1534 for more information.
- **HGLHC Transgender Support Group:** This professionally facilitated group offers an affirming non-judgmental environment for Transgender folk to explore issues and concerns that matter to them, and to give and take support. Each participant decides what to do with emotions and personal life-choices or body image, sexuality, relationships, HIV issues and anything else of concern. As with all other HGLHC Support groups, all participants must register in advance to determine whether this group is right for you. Location: Hartford. Contact HGLHC at (860) 278-4163 X21 or e-mail lizy@hglhc.org
- **TRUE COLORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE XIV: FRAMING THE FOCUS ON FAMILIES**
Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24, 2007, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut
For more information and to register, go to www.ourtruecolors.org.
- **Join Love Makes a Family’s Biggest Fundraising Event of the Year, Saturday, March 31st**
Help us reach our goal of 207 hosts in 2007. Host a party in your home and help raise money & awareness, and help us win marriage equality in Connecticut. All money raised will go to our work for marriage equality. For information and to sign up, e-mail www.lmfct.org/edbm2007.

COLCHESTER WOMAN URGES VOTER SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX COUPLE LEGISLATION

Norwich Bulletin 11.7.06 SALEM — Joan J{...} of Colchester engaged voters today outside Salem Town Hall.

[Joan] is not a political candidate. She is a member of the national organization Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and part of a statewide initiative by Love Makes a Family to gather support for state legislation supporting marriage equality for same-sex couples.

Voters signed postcards urging legislators to support same-sex marriage legislation.

[Joan] is the mother of two children, one of whom is gay. “I raised them both the same. It’s very important to me that both have the same rights and protections,” she said.

Joan:

... You are terrific!!! What a great thing to do! Glad that it got the good publicity it deserved. The road to equal treatment would be a lot shorter if all of us had the courage the do things like this. Congratulations and thank you, thank you, thank you. PFLAG is proud. - John

NOVEMBER 2006 ELECTION RESULTS

Election night 2006 saw historic gains for the marriage equality movement in Connecticut. **The Love Makes a Family PAC won 40 out of 52 endorsed races!**

All over the state, voters continued to re-elect pro-equality candidates. EVERY SINGLE pro-equality incumbent that we endorsed was re-elected. **Also, in the 20 head-to-head match-ups against the Family Institute endorsed candidates, our endorsed candidates won 14 seats!**

This election has brought our movement closer to the finish line. **Connecticut voters have shown that they support equality. And smart candidates have shown that equality is a winning issue.**

Thank you so much for all of your volunteer hours and monetary support over the election season. Because of you, the *Love Makes a Family PAC* strengthened its reputation as the most powerful single-issue PAC in the state.

SUPPORTING BOYS OR GIRLS WHEN THE LINE ISN'T CLEAR*(12/2/06) Jim Wilson/The New York Times*

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 1 — Until recently, many children who did not conform to gender norms in their clothing or behavior and identified intensely with the opposite sex were steered to psychoanalysis or behavior modification.

Dr. Kenneth Zucker, a psychologist at the Center for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, encourages children to be content with their gender. But as advocates gain ground for what they call gender-identity rights, evidenced most recently by New York City's decision to let people alter the sex listed on their birth certificates, a major change is taking place among schools and families. Children as young as 5 who display predispositions to dress like the opposite sex are being supported by a growing number of young parents, educators and mental health professionals. Doctors, some of them from the top pediatric hospitals, have begun to advise families to let these children be "who they are" to foster a sense of security and self-esteem. They are motivated, in part, by the high incidence of depression, suicidal feelings and self-mutilation that has been common in past generations of transgender children. Legal trends suggest that schools are now required to respect parents' decisions.

"First we became sensitive to two mommies and two daddies," said Reynaldo Almeida, the director of the Aurora School, a progressive private school in Oakland. "Now it's kids who come to school who aren't gender typical." The supportive attitudes are far easier to find in traditionally tolerant areas of the country like San Francisco than in other parts, but even in those places there is fierce debate over how best to handle the children. Cassandra Reese, a first-grade teacher outside Boston, recalled that fellow teachers were unnerved when a young boy showed up in a skirt. "They said, 'This is not normal,' and, 'It's the parents' fault' "... "They didn't see children as sophisticated enough to verbalize their feelings."

While these children are still relatively rare, doctors say the number of referrals is rising across the nation. Massachusetts, Minnesota, California, New Jersey and the District of Columbia have laws protecting the rights of transgender students, and some schools are engaged in a steep learning curve to dismantle gender stereotypes. At the Park Day School in Oakland, teachers are taught a gender-neutral vocabulary and are urged to line up students by sneaker color rather than by gender. "We are careful not to create a situation where students are being boxed in," said Tom Little, the school's director. "We allow them to move back and forth until something feels right."

For families, it can be a long, emotional adjustment. Shortly after her son's third birthday, Pam B. and her husband, Joel, began a parental journey for which there was no map. It started when their son, J., began wearing oversized T-shirts and wrapping a towel around his head to emulate long, flowing hair. Then came his mother's silky undershirts. Half a year into preschool, J. started becoming agitated when asked to wear boys' clothing. En route to a mall with her son, Ms. B. had an epiphany: "It just clicked in me. I said, 'You really want to wear a dress, don't you?'" Thus began what the B.'s... call "the reluctant path," a behind-closed-doors struggle to come to terms with a gender-variant child — a spirited 5-year-old boy who, at least for now, strongly identifies as a girl, requests to be called "she" and asks to wear pigtails and pink jumpers to school. Ms. B., 41, a lawyer, accepted the way her son defined himself after she and her husband consulted with a psychologist and observed his newfound comfort with his choice. But she feels the precarious nature of the day-to-day reality. "It's hard to convey the relentlessness of it, she said, "every social encounter, every time you go out to eat, every day feeling like a balance between your kid's self-esteem and protecting him from the hostile outside world."

The prospect of cross-dressing kindergartners has sparked a deep philosophical divide among professionals over how best to counsel families. Is it healthier for families to follow the child's lead, or to spare children potential humiliation and isolation by steering them toward accepting their biological gender until they are older? "Parents now are looking for advice on how to make life reasonable for their kids — whether to allow cross-dressing in public, and how to protect them from the savagery of other children," said Dr. Herbert Schreier, a psychiatrist with Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland. Dr. Schreier is one of a growing number of professionals who have begun to think of gender variance as a naturally occurring phenomenon rather than a disorder. "These kids are becoming more aware of how it is to be themselves," he said.

Nila Marrone, a retired linguistics professor at the University of Connecticut who consults with parents and schools, recalled an incident last year at a Bronx elementary school in which an 8-year-old boy perceived as effeminate was thrown into a large trash bin by a group of boys. The principal, she said, "suggested to the mother that she was to blame, for not having taught her son how to be tough enough." But the tide is turning. The Los Angeles Unified School District, for instance, requires that students be addressed with "a name and pronoun that corresponds to the gender identity." It also asks schools to provide a locker room or changing area that corresponds to a student's chosen gender.

Catherine Tuerk, a nurse-psychotherapist at the children's hospital in Washington and the mother of a gender-variant child in the 1970s, says parents are still left to find their own way. She recalls how therapists urged her to steer her son into psychoanalysis and "hypermasculine activities" like karate. She said she and her husband became "gender cops." "It was always, 'You're not kicking the ball hard enough,'" she said. "...there was a whole lifetime of feeling we could never leave him alone."

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC DIOCESAN LESBIAN AND GAY MINISTRIES SPEAKS

The Board of Directors and Staff of the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries (NACDLGM) are saddened by the approval of the USCCB document "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination." While the statement acknowledges the need for ministry with homosexual persons, the guidelines were developed without consultation with bishops and pastoral leaders of existing local diocesan outreach ministries, and without consultation with lesbian and gay Catholics. They also ignored the insights of science on sexuality and the valuable contribution of the 1997 pastoral letter, "Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers."

We are especially disappointed that the guidelines, while recommending that "Church ministers listen to the experiences, needs, and hopes of the persons with a homosexual inclination to whom and with whom they minister," do not in fact reflect the real lives of gay and lesbian people, especially Catholics. The guidelines characterize homosexual persons as focused on sexual inclinations, tendencies, acts and behavior without reference to the integrity of the fuller lives of faith, love, commitment, service and spirituality of Catholic gay and lesbian persons.

For more than 25 years, diocesan ministries have welcomed in the Church gay and lesbian Catholics who understand and affirm their sexual orientation as intrinsic to their identity. It is profoundly sad that many of them and their families will be unnecessarily alienated by the tone of this document.

In calling them to public silence about their identity the Church would render gay and lesbian Catholics less than welcome as equals by baptism and would encourage deception and shame.

In accordance with the Mission Statement of NACDLGM, we urge individual bishops and the Bishops' Conference to "reflect on Sacred Scripture, reflect on Church teaching and pastoral practice, study the social and physical sciences, listen to and ponder the lived experience of lesbian and gay persons and their families," and to develop a truly pastoral and prophetic document on the place of lesbian and gay Catholics in their Church.

Founded in 1994, NACDLGM includes members from 55 Catholic dioceses and 130 parishes. Since 1997, when the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family issued their pastoral letter to parents and church ministers, Always Our Children, increasing numbers of dioceses and parishes have explored the development of such ministries.

Further information about NACDLGM can be obtained on the website www.nacdlgm.org.

SOME TIPS FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

If you want an updated bibliography, please ask for one at our next monthly meeting.

LIBRARY WISH LIST: Here are more books that we would like to add to our library. If you would like to either donate a copy you own or purchase one for our library, PFLAG Hartford would greatly appreciate it. (Prices from Barnes & Noble)

1. Bisexual and Gay Husbands: Their Stories, Their Words, by Fred Klein & Thomas Schwartz (Editors). \$29.95
2. My Husband Betty: Love, Sex and Life With a Crossdresser, Helen Boyd. \$16.95
3. GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer & Questioning Teens, Kelly Huegel, Foreword Steven Cozza \$15.95.
4. Changing Bodies, Changing Lives: A Book for Teens on Sex and Relationships, Ruth Bell Alexander. \$24.95
5. Out & About Campus: Personal Accounts by LGBT College Students, Editors: Kim Howard & Annie Stevens. Approx.\$20 (May need to buy used, and it could be out of print.)

A **Library Wish List** will be published as requests are made. Prior to the purchase of a selection, please e-mail librarian@pflaghartford.org to make certain that no one has already donated that item to the library.

IT'S A CHENEY! Reality Is a Blessed Event

By Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, December 8, 2006

My only regret about Mary Cheney's pregnancy is that it didn't happen earlier -- say, during the 2004 presidential race, when Cheney was working for her father's campaign and his running mate was busy trying to write discrimination against people like her into the Constitution.

Imagine a hugely pregnant Mary Cheney sitting in the vice president's box at the convention. Imagine Cheney and her partner, Heather Poe, cuddling their newborn onstage at the victory celebration. How perfectly that would have illustrated the clanging disconnect between the Republican Party's outmoded intolerance and the benign reality of gay families today.

Better late than never. Cheney's no crusader; she has little interest in becoming the poster mom for gay parenthood. But whether she intends it or not, her pregnancy will, I think, turn out to be a watershed in public understanding and acceptance of the phenomenon. This is the Ellen DeGeneres moment of national politics.

Acceptance won't come immediately, of course, and certainly not from all quarters. The folks who have fits about "Heather Has Two Mommies" are beside themselves over "Heather Is One of Two Mommies." Especially because the other mommy is -- as Mary Cheney is inevitably described -- The Vice President's Openly Gay Daughter.

"Unconscionable," said Janice Crouse of Concerned Women for America. "Her action repudiates traditional values and sets an appalling example for young people at a time when father absence is the most pressing social problem facing the nation," Crouse wrote on the TownHall.com blog. "Her child will have all the material advantages it will need, but it will still encounter the emotional devastation common to children without fathers." "I think it's tragic that a child has been conceived with the express purpose of denying it a father," pronounced Robert Knight of the Media Research Center. The couple, he said is seeking to "create a culture that is based on sexual anarchy instead of marriage and family values." I can understand that people -- especially those who have no personal experience with gay families -- are uncomfortable with the notion of children without a parent of each gender. What I can't understand is using words such as "unconscionable" or "tragic" to describe the choice of two people who love each other and want to create a family together. To be a badly wanted child (one thing that's indisputable about the children of same-sex couples: the parents had to work to make it happen) in a home with two loving parents is no tragedy. If they're worried about "emotional devastation," the Crouses and Knights of the world would do better to reserve their lamentations for children in poverty, those who are abused or neglected, or for children in families splintered by divorce.

As to sexual anarchy, Mary Cheney and Heather Poe represent its antithesis. This is a couple who've been together for 15 years. In her mind, as Cheney told "Primetime Live" this year, "Heather and I already are married. We have built a home and a life together. I hope I get to spend the rest of my life with her. The way I look at it is, we're just waiting for state and federal law to catch up with us." That could take some time, especially if Mary Cheney's political party has anything to do with it. As a resident of Virginia, which does not permit a gay parent to adopt, Poe will have no legal connection to the child that she and Cheney clearly intend to have and raise together. If the couple were to split up, Poe would have no legal right to see the child. Virginia's newly adopted and expansively drafted constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage casts doubt on the ability of Cheney and Poe to write binding medical directives and wills. Without any legal protection, state or federal, against job discrimination -- the Bush administration opposes extending anti-discrimination laws to cover sexual orientation - Mary Cheney could be fired simply because she is gay.

In fact, perhaps because it's less susceptible to being hijacked by the extremes, the business world is outpacing the political sphere in recognizing and responding to the new, out-of-the-closet reality of gay Americans. More than half of the Fortune 500 companies offered health benefits for domestic partners this year, up from just 28 a decade earlier, according to the Human Rights Campaign. The latest issue of Fortune describes how companies seeking to attract and retain gay workers are offering bereavement leave if a same-sex partner dies, adoption assistance or paid leave for gay employees who have children, and relocation help for gay partners when employees are transferred. "Put another way, gay marriage -- an idea that has been banned by all but one of 27 states that have voted on it -- has become a fact of life inside many big companies," the magazine said.

Perhaps Cheney's high-profile pregnancy will help the Republican Party come to grips with those facts of life. If not, though, she's going to have to explain to her child what mommy was doing trying to help a party that doesn't believe in fairness for families like theirs.

IT'S NOT A GAY PRINCIPLE

From courant.com, December 20, 2006

This is for a reader who demands to know why I write about gay issues. His conclusion is that I must secretly be gay myself. Actually, he doesn't express himself quite that civilly. To the contrary, his e-mails - which, until recently, were arriving at the rate of about one a week - evince a juvenility that would embarrass a reasonably intelligent fifth-grader. The most recent one, for example, carried a salutation reading, "Hi Mrs. Pitts." We're talking about the kind of thing for which delete buttons were invented. So you may wonder why I bring it to your attention, especially since acknowledging a person like this only encourages him. It's simple, actually: He raises an interesting question that deserves an answer. If from that you conclude (or fear) you're about to read a stirring defense of my manly male masculinity, no. The guy is free to believe what he wishes; I really don't care. And here, let me digress to confess that, though I refer to him using masculine pronouns, I actually don't know if he's a he because his notes have been anonymous. Still, I assume it's a guy because the level of sexual insecurity the e-mails suggest strikes me as - boy, am I going to get in trouble for this - rather guy-specific. Anyway, to get back to the point, I'm not here to argue sexuality. I just find myself intrigued by the idea that if you're not gay, you shouldn't care about gay rights.

The most concise answer I can give is cribbed from what a white kid said 40 or so years ago, as white college students were risking their lives to travel South and register black people to vote. Somebody asked why. He said he acted from an understanding that his freedom was bound up with the freedom of every other man. I know it sounds cornier than Kellogg's, but that's pretty much how I feel. I know also that some folks are touchy about anything seeming to equate the black civil rights movement with the gay one. And no, gay people were not kidnapped from Gay Land and sold into slavery, nor lynched by the thousands. On the other hand, they do know something about housing discrimination, they do know job discrimination, they do know murder for the sin of existence, they do know the denial of civil rights, and they do know what it is like to be used as scapegoat and boogeyman by demagogues and political opportunists. They know enough of what I know that I can't ignore it. See, I have yet to learn how to segregate my moral concerns. It seems to me if I abhor intolerance, discrimination and hatred when they affect people who look like me, I must also abhor them when they affect people who do not. For that matter, I must abhor them even when they benefit me. Otherwise, what I claim as moral authority is really just self-interest in disguise.

Among the things we seem to have lost in the years since that white kid made his stand is the ability, the imagination, the willingness to put ourselves into the skin of those who are not like us. I find it telling that Vice President Dick Cheney hews to the hard conservative line on virtually every social issue, except gay marriage. It is, of course, no coincidence that Cheney has a daughter who is a lesbian. Which tells me his position is based not on principle but, rather, on loving his daughter. It is a fine thing to love your daughter. I would argue, however, that it is also a fine thing and in some ways, a finer thing, to love your neighbor's daughter, no matter her sexual orientation, religion, race, creed or economic status - and to want her freedom as eagerly as you want your own.

I believe in moral coherence. And Rule No.1 is, you cannot assert your own humanity, then turn right around and deny someone else's. If that makes me gay, fine. As my anonymous correspondent ably demonstrates, there are worse things to be.

Leonard Pitts Jr. is a syndicated writer in Washington. Copyright 2006, Hartford Courant

SURVEY OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER HOLDINGS – CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

by Frank Gagliardi

Collecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered materials at Central Connecticut State University began in 1993 when the library received the libraries and records of the George W. Henry Foundation and the Hartford Women's Center.

The George W. Henry Foundation was a project of the Committee for Sexual Minorities of the Capital Region Council of Churches, one of the earliest counseling centers for gays in the United States having been formed in 1963. The organization flourished between 1963 and 1985. In addition to the records of the organization, the donation included a library of about 1,300 volumes.

The second significant accession in 1993 was the library of the Hartford Women's Center consisting of about 1,000 books and periodicals dealing with women's liberation as well as lesbian issues. The gift included complete runs of their newsletters.

Central Connecticut State University holds several other important collections pertaining to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The interviews and other materials assembled by John Loughery for his book, *The Otherside of Silence: Men's Lives and Gay Identities* (Holt, 1999); the library and papers of Le-Hi-Ho (Lehigh Valley Homophile Organization), 1970-1986; and the records of ANGLE (Aetna's Network of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Employees), 1993-present, one of the earliest gay employees' groups in the Insurance industry, are among the important collections. The AIDS epidemic and civil rights issues are also documented by collections at CCSU. In addition to the records of the Hartford Women's Center mentioned above, the University also holds the papers of Victor D'Lugin an activist on behalf of gay civil rights and AIDS issues; the records of the Connecticut AIDS Action Council, 1990-1999; and the papers of Christine Pattee, discussed below. Finally, the Connecticut Lesbian & Gay Pride Festival Collection, 1982 to the present, contains memorabilia relating to this event.

CCSU holds collections dealing with the relationship of the Roman Catholic Church with the gay community. The Richard Cardarelli collection documents Cardarelli's work as a Catholic priest who at one time served as the representative of the Archdiocese of Hartford to the gay community. CCSU also holds the records of Dignity Hartford, 1975 to 2000, and the records of Dignity Providence, 1974-1977.

The Christine Pattee Lesbiana collection consists of over 1200 books, including approximately 300 examples of lesbian pulp fiction, 250 long playing records of women singers as well as of all-women bands. Ms Pattee was the founder of the Connecticut Women in Music festival and a long time activist for gay civil rights.

Information on most of our collections is available on our web site: <http://wilson.ctstateu.edu/lib/archives/equity>.

Connecticut PFLAG Meetings

PFLAG HARTFORD: Information on front page or at www.pflaghartford.org

PFLAG NORWALK/SOUTHWESTERN CT

When: First Wednesday of every month, 7:30 pm
Where: Triangle Cmnty. Center, 16 River St. Norwalk
Help Line: (203) 226-0257 or (203) 438-0530
Email: PFLAGSWCT@yahoo.com

PFLAG NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT:

Contact: Diane (860) 435-2738

PFLAG MADISON/SHORELINE

No Meetings
Email: davidwinthropknapp@yahoo.com
Help Line: (203) 453-1395

PFLAG GROTON (NOANK) /SOUTHEASTERN CT

When: Second Monday of every month
5:30-6:30 Potluck Dinner
6:30-8:00 Meeting
Where: Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights
(Childcare is available)
For Information call Mike (860) 447-0884

PFLAG DANBURY

When: Second Monday of every month, 7 pm
Where: St. James Episcopal Church
25 West Street, Danbury
Help Line: (203) 797-4743

PFLAG GREATER NEW HAVEN

When: Third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm
Where: Church of the Redeemer
Corner: Whitney Ave./Cold Spring St., NH
Help Line: (203) 907-0518
Email: greaternewhavenpflag@yahoo.com

Central and Western Massachusetts

Williamstown Area:

When: Second Sunday of every month, 2 pm
Where: First Congregational Church, Williamstown
Contact: (413) 243-2382

Springfield Area:

When: Last Wednesdays, every month, 7 pm
Where: South Congregational Church
45 Maple Street, Springfield
Contact: (413) 732-3240 or (413) 783-7709

Greenfield, MA

Help Line: 413/625-6636
E-Mail: PFLAGPV@valinet.com

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