



Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG

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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2010
CHAPTER MEETING 7 P.M.**

**Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls**

This month's PFLAG Chapter meeting will be a support meeting and a planning meeting for future meetings. If you have ideas for future programs please come and give us your ideas.

Please bring a snack to share if you are able; beverages will be provided.

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CENSUS WILL INCLUDE SAME GENDER COUPLES...Lutherans Concerned North America (database@lcna.org, February 10, 2010

In the Winter issue of CONCORD, we reported to you that, for the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau is going to count and report statistics on the number of same-gender couples in the United States. The update on that is that the Census Bureau will report BOTH the number of same-gender couples that consider their relationship to be that of spouses AND those that consider their relationship to be that of unmarried partners. In both cases the reports will be based on what people consider their relationships to be, not whether they are married/partnered in the eyes of the law. It is the perception of the couple that counts, not whether there is a marriage license or legal document with their names on it. It does not matter whether or not the local jurisdiction recognizes the relationship in any way at all. These are the same rules and manner under which heterosexual couples report their relationships. Prior to this census, the Bureau had gathered some data on the prevalence of same-gender couples in society but had been prevented by the Bush Administration from reporting any of the data. This past summer, the Obama Administration instructed the Bureau that that restriction was no longer in effect.

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING PFLAG CHAPTER.

The Jackson Wyoming PFLAG Chapter meets monthly on the third Monday evening at St. John's House, which is part of St. John's Episcopal Church. The entrance is on Glenwood. You are welcome to be in touch if you have questions. The meeting runs from 7 -8:30 PM. (Jackson PFLAG, Mark Houser, P.O. Box 2683, Jackson, WY 83001). Phone 307-733-8349 or e-mail at: JacksonPFLAG@yahoo.com
Jackson website www.jacksonPFLAG.com

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUR PFLAG CHAPTER !

- \$ Coordinate a program or activity.
- \$ Tell your Friends and Family about PFLAG
- \$ Pay dues (\$25) if able.
- \$ Come to meetings.

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered persons, and their families and friends, through support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

NEW YORK SENATOR KERSTEN GILLIBRAND WILL PROPOSE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO CUT FUNDING FOR "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL."...Daily News (New York), February 7, 2010

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., announced at a Human Rights Campaign dinner on Saturday night that she plans to attach an amendment to the defense budget to curtail further spending on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. "I don't think another man or woman should be dismissed from the military, and I think the quickest way to do that is to cut off funding for the implementation of the policy," Gillibrand said. Gillibrand called the policy, which prohibits gay members of the military from disclosing their sexual orientation, "a threat to the men and women in our armed services" as well as "a threat to our national security." She said it has led to the departure of servicemen and women with specialized skills such as foreign-language translation.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

