



Eastern Idaho Chapter of PFLAG

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CHAPTER MEETING 7 P.M.

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

This month's PFLAG Chapter meeting will be a support meeting plus we will show the video "Inlaws & Outlaws." "Marriage from the inside. And out." This is a great film initially previewed at the Northwest Region PFLAG conference.

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

PICNIC NEWS

The annual PFLAG picnic at Sealander Park was a lot of fun. Over thirty people attended and enjoyed great food, perfect picnic weather and good fellowship. There was a fun "jumping castle" and lots of "door" prizes.

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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 !

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

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.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGES BEGIN IN VERMONT....Associated Press, September 01,2009

DUXBURY, Vt. — After 17 years together, Bill Slimback and Bob Sullivan couldn't wait another minute to get married. So they didn't. With Vermont's new law allowing same-sex marriage only a minute old, they tied the knot in a midnight ceremony at a rustic Vermont lodge, becoming one of the first couples to legally wed under a law that took effect at midnight Monday. Dressed in suits, saying their vows under a large wall-mounted moose head, the two Whitehall, N.Y., men promised their love, exchanged rings and held hands during a modest 17-minute ceremony. Moose Meadow Lodge co-owner Greg Trulson, who's also a Justice of the Peace, presided. "It feels wonderful," said Slimback, 38, an out-of-work Teamster who is taking Sullivan's last name as his own. "It's a day I've been long waiting for, and a day I truly honestly thought would never come." Slimback said he and Sullivan, 41, have long wanted to cement their relationship with a wedding, but since they couldn't legally marry in New York they chose to wed even before Vermont's gay marriage era officially dawned...."We've waited a long time to do this — basically, our whole lives," Slimback said Monday. "We've been waiting for a chance to actually solidify it," he said. He and Sullivan said they never wanted to obtain a civil union because they believe that's a kind of second-class recognition.

LUTHERANS VOTE TO APPROVE GAY

CLERTY....Advocate.com, August 24, 2009 by Julie Bolcer

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the nation's largest Lutheran denomination, voted on Friday to allow gays and lesbians in committed relationships to serve as clergy, lifting a restriction that had required gay and lesbian ministers to remain celibate, reports the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Church delegates voted 559-451 to remove the ban during their biennial conference in Minneapolis. The vote makes the ELCA, which claims nearly 5 million members, the largest denomination in the country to allow non-celibate gay and lesbian ministers.

Last month, the leaders of the U.S. Episcopal Church voted to lift a similar restriction on non-celibate gay and lesbian bishops. The votes are considered likely to influence the debate over gay clergy in other large Protestant denominations, such as the Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

The resolution approved by the ELCA does not force individual congregations to select gay and lesbian ministers, but allows them to pick the candidates if they wish to do so.

On Friday, delegates also voted 619 to 402 to approve a resolution allowing individual congregations to recognize same-sex unions in the way they see fit.

The vote to approve gay and lesbian ministers occurred after a Baptist minister on Wednesday blamed a tornado that damaged a Lutheran church in Minneapolis on the impending policy change.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH

Our PFLAG Chapter has been invited by the City of Idaho Falls to have a booth at the Idaho Falls CommUNITY Festival this year. The Festival will be held, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Tautphaus Park near the hockey shelter on Saturday September 26, 2009.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG NEEDS YOU!

