

## SCHEDULE

The Community of Welcoming Congregations and The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry have joined forces again, this time with the Religion and Faith Program of the Human Rights Campaign to present a two-day conference to educate, inspire, nurture and celebrate the gifts of transgender persons within and among communities of faith.



Together we will:

- Seek to educate communities of faith in the spectrum of gender identity and issues that impact us all
- Begin to dismantle binary gender constructs and their reign in misogyny and homophobia
- Celebrate the original blessing of body sexuality and gender expression

### Workshop Topics Include

- ❖ Non-Christian Religious Perspectives on Gender and Gender Identity
- ❖ Political and Socio-Economic Implications for Transgendered Persons
- ❖ Communities of Color and Transgendered Experience
- ❖ Dismantling Binary Gender Constructs: *Moving from Dualistic Identity Paradigms*
- ❖ Authenticity, Body Sexuality and Healing
- ❖ Families Transition Too: *Partners/Families of Transgender Persons*
- ❖ Inclusive Public Policy for Gender Identity
- ❖ Pastoral Care within and among the Trans Community
- ❖ The "Next" Generation: *For the under 30 among us*

• Shower of Stoles • Circuit Rider Books • Book Signings

### Friday, October 20, 2006

#### Pre-Conference Activities

- 6:30-9:00pm Exhibitor Set-Up  
Pre-Conference Registration
- 7:00-10:00pm Reception @ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis  
(2945 NW Circle Drive)

### Saturday, October 21, 2006

#### Conference

- 7:00am Registration Opens
- 7:00-9:00am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am Conference Convenes  
Shabbat Observance  
Plenary – Dr. Virginia Ramey Mollenkott  
Workshops  
Documentary – *Call Me Malcolm*  
Plenary – Rev. Malcolm Himschoot  
More.....

#### Concert

- 7:30pm Performance by *Transcendence*

### Sunday, October 22, 2006

#### Conference

- 7:00-8:30am Breakfast
- 7:30-8:45am Registration
- 8:45am Worship
- 10:30am Plenary – Rev. Dr. Justin Tanis  
Workshops  
More...
- 4:00pm Go in Peace

For more information or to register online  
[www.welcomingcongregations.org](http://www.welcomingcongregations.org)

• Forums • Music • & More

## PRESENTERS

### Keynote Address

**Dr. Virginia Ramey Mollenkott** is Professor Emeritus at the William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. With Letha Dawson Scanzoni, she co-authored *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor? A Positive Christian Response* (1978), which is now available in a vastly expanded and updated edition. (1994) Her other books include *The Divine Feminine: Biblical Imagery of God As Female*; *Godding: Human Responsibility and the Bible*; and *Sensuous Spirituality: Out From Fundamentalism*. Mollenkott's twelfth book is *Omnigender: A Trans-Religious Approach*.



### Plenary Speakers

**Rev. Dr. Justin Tanis** is the Program Manager at the National Center for Transgender Equality in Washington, DC. He is the author of *Transgender: Ministry, Theology and Communities of Faith*, "Eating the Crumbs that Fall from the Table" in *Take Back the Word: A Queer Reading of the Bible* (Pilgrim Press, 2002) and has a chapter on Philippians in the forthcoming *Queer Bible Commentary*.



**Rev. Malcolm Himschoot** is best known for appearing in the documentary feature *Call Me Malcolm*, released in 2006 by the United Church of Christ. Ordained as an openly transgender man at age 27, he has followed a call into social justice ministry through urban church work, non-profits, and community organizing. His pastoral interests include edifying Christ's community across societal boundaries such as race, culture, class, nationality, sexuality, age and gender.



### Worship Leaders

**Rev. Dr. Erin Swenson** is an ordained Presbyterian minister (PCUSA) and a licensed marriage and family therapist. In 1996 she became the first known mainstream Protestant minister to make an open gender transition while remaining in ordained office. She provides counseling for individuals with gender identity issues and their families from her office at the Morningside Presbyterian Church in midtown Atlanta and lectures nationally on issues of gender and faith.



**Rabbi Maurice Harris** serves as one of two Rabbis at Temple Beth Israel in Eugene, Oregon. Temple Beth Israel is affiliated with the reconstructionist movement of Judaism, a liberal denomination that affirms LGBT equality and that has ordained gay and lesbian Rabbis since the mid 1980s.



Register today!

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**Travel – Participants should fly into Portland or Eugene**  
(shuttle service may be provided-you will be notified)

**Housing**

CWC conference rates: *(ask for Interfaith Transgender Conference rates)*

**Hilton Garden Inn** Corvallis (reservations by 8/31/06 for group rate)  
\$99.00 + tax per night; Call 541-752-5000

**Holiday Inn Express** Corvallis (reservations by 8/31/06 for group rate)  
\$84.00 + tax per night; Call 541-752-0800

**Super 8 Motel** (reservations by 10/6/06 for group rate)  
\$56.88 + tax per night; Call 541-752-0591

\_\_\_\_\_ **In-home Stays** – Accommodation with local family

**Registration Fees**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$140 Full Event (incls. 5 meals)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$80 Saturday Only (incls. 3 meals)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Sunday Only (incls. 2 meals)

*Student Discount*

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$65 Full Event
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Saturday Only
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Sunday Only

<p><b>Childcare:</b> _____ (provided for 12 &amp; under)</p> <p>_____ Ages of children</p> <p><b>MEALS:</b></p> <p>_____ vegetarian</p> <p>_____ kosher</p>
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**Scholarships:** There are a limited number of scholarships available. If you would like to apply, send a statement of need to [scholarships@welcomingcongregations.org](mailto:scholarships@welcomingcongregations.org).

**Deadline to apply is September 15, 2006**

**Send registration form and checks to:**

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**Or Call the CWC office: 503-665-8741**

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# Transforming Faith: A Transgender Witness



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