

EXTREME CHURCH EXTREME HOSPITALITY

A one-day conference sponsored by the
Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists
(**B-WARM**)

Saturday
October 4, 2008
8 am – 4 pm

At Metropolitan Memorial
United Methodist Church
3401 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, DC

See last page for directions and
parking information.

Schedule at a Glance:

8:00 – 9:00	Registration/Gathering/ Coffee & Bagels/Danish/Muffins
9:00 – 9:45	Worship
9:45 – 11:00	Keynote Speaker: Youtha Hardman-Cromwell
11:00 – 12:30	Training/Workshop Session 1
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (on your own or pre-ordered)
1:30 – 3:00	Training/Workshop Session 2
3:00 – 3:15	Transition
3:15 – 4:00	Closing Worship/Communion and Evaluations
Bonus: 6:00 pm	MoSAIC (Methodist Students for an All Inclusive Church)/AU UM Fellowship showing of <i>The Bible Tells Me So</i>

B-WARM is delighted to welcome **Rev. Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell**, a professor at Wesley Seminary and former member of the Reconciling Ministries Network Board who will present the morning keynote address: **Homosexuality & The Bible**. Dr. Hardman-Cromwell will offer insights into how scripture informs and guides us on issues related to sexuality.

Worship: Exciting worship led by Chett Prichett, Young Adult Pastor from United Church, and Delyn Celec, a graduate of Drew Seminary and a specialist in liturgical music, will frame our day. Conference clergy and lay leadership have also been invited to participate.

Opportunities to Network with Each Other: The lunch break will provide time to meet other attendees and share reactions to morning sessions. Attendees may pre-order a box lunch with their registration (see last page) or find a variety of fast food options in the nearby neighborhood.

Following the BWARM conference, attendees are invited to walk across the street to American University where the AU Campus Ministries program will offer a special presentation of "**For the Bible Tells Me So.**"

WORKSHOPS

Passionate Worship

Delyn Celec, a graduate of Drew Seminary and a specialist in liturgical music, shares thoughts about developing inclusive worship and music to develop an atmosphere of extreme welcome in your church. Examples of inclusive liturgy and hymns will be discussed as well as what makes these worship elements “welcoming.”

Radical Hospitality

What might your church look like if you practiced radical hospitality? What does that mean in your neighborhood? Who might come from the surrounding streets and homes? What outreach might be more radical in your setting? Come hear how one church defined its radical hospitality and changed the face of religion in that parish.

Communicating with Children & Teens

What do we tell children and teens about sexual orientation and gender identity? How do we communicate with them about extreme hospitality within our churches? Melany Burrill, workshop leader, is a graduate of Wesley Seminary and served as Director of Christian Education in a Northern Virginia congregation for 16 years. Melany is a certified sexuality educator and has been leading comprehensive sexuality education workshops in churches for youth and their parents for over 20 years.

Finding Common Ground

How do we talk to folks with whom we disagree? How do we bear witness to God’s redeeming grace? Mittie Quinn and Ella Curry will facilitate this discussion, sharing reflections from experiences at General Conference and with the Conference Dialogue Team. Mittie attended General Conference as a volunteer with the Common Witness effort and Ella served for two years on the Conference Dialogue team.

How Wide/Deep Is Your Welcome?

This interactive workshop will present a variety of situations that are harmful or exclusionary to some individuals. Participants will have an opportunity to share their own

stories of exclusion and to work in small groups to devise alternative outcomes that would exemplify extreme hospitality.

Words, Words, Words: What’s in Your Hospitality Dictionary?

Student leaders from MoSAIC, Methodist Students for an All Inclusive Church, present this discussion about words that heal and those that divide. Every generation uses a different vocabulary to describe various sets of people. Find out the most “up to date” way to communicate about issues of sex, gender, politics, race, and ethnicity.

Evangelism: Reaching Out to Young Adults

How often have you thought, “Our congregation welcomes everyone, but why haven’t we seen more visitors?” Maybe you’ve overheard this at a meeting: “Well, we put a sign out that says we’re welcoming, what more can we do?” And then there’s the dilemma we all want to solve: “Young people say that church isn’t relevant. We’re talking about relevant issues, but we don’t have any young people!” Join us in this session led by Chett Pritchett for some time to talk about what it really means to be invitational. Chett is Associate Minister for Young Adult Ministry at United Church.

Transcending Gender

Is the world of gender simply male and female? Why aren’t all men macho and all women ultra feminine? Are sex and gender the same thing? What struggles do people encounter when they don’t feel at home with their gender roles or their bodies? Sally Sparks will lead the group in exploring these and other questions about gender and the worlds between and across male and female and masculine and feminine, with a special focus on those who move between them — transgender people. Sally Sparks is a former member of the RMN Board. She has been providing training on gender diversity to academia, churches, and professional organizations for 8 years.

REGISTRATION

To register, please fill out all sections of this form and return it with your check no later than **September 26 to: Attn: B-WARM, c/o Dumbarton UMC, 3133 Dumbarton Avenue, Washington, DC 20007.**

Registrations will be accepted on-site, so please do attend even if you hear about the conference too late to register by September 26 — but registrations by that date will help BWARM prepare materials for you, and box lunches must be pre-ordered by September 26.

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Fees:

- \$35 — Registration for conference
- \$12 additional fee for box lunch (please indicate your choice at right)
- _____ Optional additional contribution to B-WARM expenses and scholarships for this event
- Total enclosed:** _____ (Please make your check payable to **Dumbarton UMC** and be sure to write **B-WARM** on the notation line.)

BWARM is committed to ensuring that all conference attendees be able to fully participate in all activities. Please let us know if you require a sign language interpreter or have other special needs: _____

Lunch:

Please indicate your choice of box lunch below (if ordering a lunch). Lunches will include a soda or bottled water and chips.

- Roast beef sandwich
- Turkey sandwich
- Chicken salad sandwich
- Traditional chef salad (creamy ranch, blue cheese, and Italian dressings will be available)
- Vegan sandwich (spinach & roasted peppers)
- Vegan Asian salad (greens, carrots, mandarin oranges, toasted cashews & sesame vinagrette)

Workshops:

Please also check the **three** workshops that most interest you. Unlike your lunch choice, you will not be held to these workshops, but your selection will help B-WARM schedule sessions and allocate rooms.

- Passionate Worship
- Radical Hospitality
- Communicating with Children & Teens
- Finding Common Ground
- How Wide/Deep Is Your Welcome
- Words, Words, Words: What's in Your Hospitality Dictionary?
- Evangelism: Reaching Out to Young Adults
- Transcending Gender

Getting There:

Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 3401 Nebraska Avenue NW (Washington, DC). It is at the intersection of Nebraska and New Mexico Avenues NW and is one block west of Massachusetts Avenue and Ward Circle, across from The American University. The nearest Metro stop is Tenleytown. For more detailed directions from your location see Mapquest.com or Google Maps. For information on getting to Metropolitan by public transportation from the DC area, see www.wmata.com.

Parking at the church is currently limited by construction, but the large AU parking lot directly across New Mexico Avenue from the church is free on Saturday.