



# gala **news**

THE LETTER

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## Retreat Schedule

### Friday—August 29th

- 4:00 pm Registration
- Silent Auction Items to Tables
- 7:00 pm Welcome and orientation
- 7:30 pm Gay Bingo
- 10:00 pm Movie (to be announced)

### Saturday—August 30th

- 7:45 am Devotions
- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 8:50 am "How to Tell Our Stories Most Effectively" - Pat and Sam Marmoy
- 10:50 am Break and Snacks
- 11:10 am Sharing our Stories
- 12:45 pm Lunch and Free Time
- 2:00 pm Business Meeting
- 4:00 pm Gay Olympics
- 7:00 pm Dinner/banquet/Talent
- 9:30 pm Movie: "For The Bible Tells Me So"

### Sunday—August 31st

- 8:00 am Devotions
- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am "How Do We Affirm Change in the Church"
- 11:30 am Grab bag lunch and leave for Kirtland
- 2:00 pm Kirtland Temple Tours
- 4:30 pm Cookout
- 5:30 pm Hymn Sing in Temple
- 6:30 pm Healing service in Temple - Bruce Crockett
- 8:30 pm Leave for Campgrounds/ Snack

### Monday—September 1st

- 8:00 am Clean up
- 9:00 am Devotions
- 9:30 am Brunch
- 10:30 am Closing and Sending Forth Service
- 12:00 pm Goodbye

## Retreat Information

**Temple Grove Campgrounds**—For information about Temple Grove Campgrounds, visit the website at [www.templegrove.org](http://www.templegrove.org).

**Silent Auction**—We are again having the silent auction to raise funds for projects for GALA. Last year we netted over \$500 from the auction. Bring your new or nearly new items for the auction and be sure to include a suggested starting price. Part of this year's proceeds will go to Spiritual Enrichment Center at the Kirtland Temple to support their work.

**Banquet and Talent Show**—With our rainbow theme this year we will encourage dress for the Saturday night banquet and talent show to "show our colors." Also be thinking about what you will share for the talent portion.

**Notice to Retreaters:**  
Please bring bedding and towels to the retreat; both single and double beds are available; for more information, contact David Howard.

# Executive Board Candidates

*Editor's Note: The election will be held by mail in September. We are still looking for candidates for **Secretary**; if you are interested, please contact David Howard.*

## Charles A (Chuck) Hewitt—At Large Member

GALA is an important organization and serves an important function for the GLBT community. It holds special place in my heart. My partner Mike and I met at a GALA retreat in the fall of 1999 and have been together ever since. We had our wedding the following year at Peace Chapel in Kansas City. We hope to go to California in the near future to get legally married so we may register with the Church.

I have lived and worked in the Kansas City area for the past 20 years. For the past 5 years I have been employed by a small business as an accountant and handle all of the accounting aspects of the business. I also volunteer with the local schools as a "Youth Friend", and mentor a youth, meeting once a week for lunch. This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> year with the same student.

I was brought up in the Community of Christ Church and have always been a member. I love my Church, it is my home. That is why I am very active with my congregation and serve on the pastorate in Outreach Ministries. I have participated and completed the training for Welcoming Ministries and continue to educate myself, and others, on the welcoming process. I am currently helping our congregation become a welcoming congregation. I strongly believe that Mike, and I are making a big difference in the attitudes of the Church by just attending our congregation. There is a lot to be said about the power of presence, and becoming involved in the working of the congregation. This Church is my home I love it and have no desire to attend another denomination. That is why I am trying to help the church in its growth and understanding of the GLBT community, so we may truly become a part of the Community of Christ feeling safe and free to worship our heavenly spirit.

## Douglas Graves—At Large Member

After traveling for the past several years for work, I have settled in Burbank, CA. Though I will still have to travel at times for work, I will not be tied to a large project. I would like to use this time to serve my brothers and sisters in a way that many have served in the past. I hope that I could do so in a positive way.

Since becoming less nomadic, I have been able to serve as a staff member for SPECTACULAR the past two summers and attend the Burbank Congregation of Community of Christ. These have been wonderful for me and have brought me a greater appreciation of where I have been and hope for the future. I am looking forward to the journeys and blessing that GALA might bring to all people.

## Patricia Danielson—Treasurer Elect

Patricia Danielson lives in Oberlin, OH where she has worked 20 years for the FAA at the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center in Oberlin. She is employed as a Management and Program Assistant in the Human Resource Department. She attended Graceland University 1970-72 and received her B.A. in Theology from Southwestern College, Winfield, KS in 2008. She is a member of Community of Christ and holds the office of priest and has been pianist/organist for Community of Christ congregations for many years. She lives with her partner, Geri, and their two cats and dog. She looks forward to an active role in GALA by serving as treasurer to support GALA's goals and missions.

## Need a Ride to the Retreat?

Anyone interested in sharing a ride to the GALA retreat? Mike and I have room in our van. We will be leaving Kansas City August 28, and return September 3. If interested, feel free to call or e-mail us. We have room for four people. We plan to stay at David Howard's home on Thursday evening and eat as inexpensively as possible along the way. (Chuck usually needs to go to the bathroom a lot so stops will be frequent.)

Chuck & Mike Hewitt, [mikechuckh@gmail.com](mailto:mikechuckh@gmail.com)  
816-616-5883

The field is more than white...ITS RAINBOW!...and ready to harvest

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Temple Grove, Pennsylvania - Kirtland Temple

GALA RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

August 29 to September 1, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need transport from Airport? \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Information: Airline: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight In: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Out: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Any Medical Concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Retreat Costs:

\$150 per person Early Registration—before August 16th

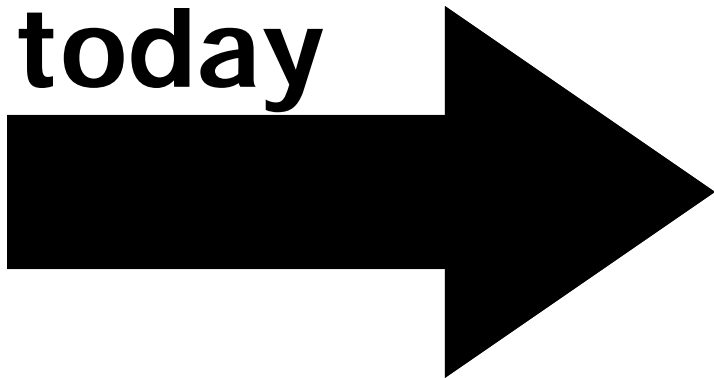
\$165 per person Late Registration—after August 16th

\*\*Private room cost: \$10 per night per person/couple

What type room would you like? Regular or Private\*\*

Mail registration to: David Howard  
1467 Hopkins Avenue  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

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**2008 GALA Membership**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Level (U.S. dollars):**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Individual(\$25)      \_\_\_\_\_ Family(\$40)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Limited Income(\$10)

I would like to make an additional contribution to advance GALA's outreach and educational goals:  
\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_\_\_ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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