

Christian Gays Organize Across the Carolinas

Dignity/Charlotte is an organization of Catholics and others interested in a spiritual as well as educational and social gay organization. It was formed last fall and has since grown to over 20 paid members with weekly meeting attendance in the "30-plus range."

A listing is provided below of other groups like Dignity/Charlotte that are serving the Carolinas.

The premier issue of Dignity/Charlotte's newsletter reports that the organization has formed a VD task force, a referral committee to seek out doctors, lawyers and counselors who will treat us without haughtiness, a social committee and a membership committee."

The newsletter adds: "What do we want to be? From my viewpoint, we want to be lovers of each other and of all gays...and all straights. That's a lofty goal, but one worth our attention. In the gay world, we want to be a beacon, beckoning those who are dissatisfied with their lives, and beckoning those who have joys and sincerity and personhood to share with others. Among ourselves we must share our thoughts, actions and emotions. And we must reach out."

The newsletter describes Dignity/Charlotte as "a vehicle offering gays a way to meet, worship, work and play together."

DIGNITY/CHARLOTTE, P.O. Box 4345, Charlotte, N.C. 28204 (Meetings Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. at Park Road Baptist Church, 3900 Park Road. The president of its executive board is Don King (333-6926, 374-7271).

DIGNITY-INTEGRITY/TRIANGLE AREA CHAPTER ("An interdenominational group of Catholics and Episcopalians, gay and straight"), P.O. Box 1184, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514, (919)929-3730. All meetings are at the Newman Center, 218 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill. [Sunday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. - Eucharist; 8:10 p.m. - Discussion]

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH/GREENSBORO, P.O. Box 5331, Greensboro, N.C. 27403.
ST. JOHN'S METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH/RALEIGH, P.O. Box 26605, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH/COLUMBIA, 1730 Gist St., Columbia, S.C. 29201.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Five gay men in a living collective are looking for a bigger house. Desired is a six-bedroom or larger house, accessible on foot or by bicycle, to rent or lease, preferably with option to buy. If you have any leads, or can refer them to someone who may be helpful, please call Tim or Phillip (942-3302).

The General Post-Conference Story

The Atlanta gay conference brought about 650 people together from a region that still lags behind the rest of the nation in abolishing discrimination. The Conference booklet noted that in Virginia, any intentional gathering of homosexuals such as for a gay conference is a crime.

A heated feedback session on the last day told future conference planners that there is progress to be made in getting men and women to work together

and understand differing views on the issue of gays' own sexism.

Several Chapel Hill and Durham participants have shown a special interest in seeing to it that there is a Fourth Annual Southeastern Gay Conference. They are now planning to seek regional participation in site selection and summer planning for '79. People in Tennessee, a state that voted for ERA, are being asked about possible sites there.

Alan Brown, at an April 7 CGA meeting, emphasized that a conference organizing tool exists in the non-profit corporation, SEGC, INC., whose board planned the '78 conference. SEGC, Inc. is benefited by the free services of several gay Atlanta lawyers.

An important SEGC4 planning session will be held Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carolina Union.