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The incredible amount of energy and excitement generated last summer in the gay and lesbian community by these events led to the creation of a new, politically responsive entity which has been dubbed the **Triangle Lesbian and Gay Alliance**. This organization has attracted virtually all of the Triangle's gay and lesbian activists, several of whom are nationally known.

The TLGA is fully underway with projects for Pride '87, including the 2nd Annual March in Durham mid-to-late June, the Fifth Annual Stonewall Community Supper in Chapel Hill, and a major event in Raleigh (yet undecided) to coincide with Pride '87.

The purposes and functions of the Alliance are outlined in its Statement of Empowerment, which reads as follows: "The Triangle Lesbian and Gay Alliance strives to be a group dedicated to linking together the separate elements and interests of the gay and lesbian community. As members of many other diverse communities, we want to present a unified presence as lesbians and gay men. We want to strengthen existing ties and make new ones. The TLGA will create its own agenda, react as a unified front to controversies that affect our community, and challenge homophobia. We are dedicated to working on issues in our own community: racism, sexism, and discrimination based on class, age, faith, ethnicity, and ability. We aim to improve the social, political, and cultural quality of life for gay men and lesbians in the Triangle area."

The TLGA has already given its full endorsement and support to two very important national events. The first is the **Mobilization For Justice & Peace in Central America & Southern Africa**, which will hold a march and rally in Washington, DC, on Sat., April 25, 1987. Participants will gather at the Ellipse at 12:00 noon. The march will occur at 1:00pm and will proceed to the Capitol by way of the White House. A rally will be held from 4:00 to 5:00pm on the steps of the Capitol, with many speakers including the Rev. Jesse Jackson. For more info, contact Mandy Carter (682-6374); Joe Straley (942-1694); or Nancy Paar (787-7292)--area code is 919.

The other national event to be excited about is the **National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights**, which will be held October 11, 1987. In short, it's a march for:

- *the legal recognition of lesbian and gay relationships
- *the repeal of all laws that make sodomy between consenting adults a crime
- *a Presidential order banning anti-gay discrimination by the federal government
- *passage of the Congressional lesbian and gay rights bill
- *an end to discrimination against people with AIDS or those perceived to have AIDS
- *massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research, and patient care
- *reproductive freedom. The right to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist oppression.
- *an end to racism in this country and

apartheid in South Africa

For more info, contact the Atlanta March Committee, PO Box 50468, Atlanta, GA 30302 ph. (404) 377-8312, or the National March Office, PO Box 7781, Washington, DC 20044 ph. (202) 783-1828 and (202) 783-1830.

Those interested in the Triangle Lesbian and Gay Alliance or participating in this summer's activities in the Triangle should write for more information to TLGA, P.O. Box 3295, Durham, NC 27705-1295. (Yes, the zip code is correct!). If you wish to make a contribution for Pride '87, your check can be made out to TLGA.

Cheers and Jeers At Church

The pickets outside said "Only Chastity will stop AIDS" but inside the preacher handed out condoms.

Wire services reported that Rev. Carl Titchener's sermon at Unitarian Universalist Church in Amherst, NY, was called the "condom conundrum" of February 8. The sermon was to make his parishioners aware of abstinence and condoms as protection against STDs including AIDS.

He and ushers passed out packets of condoms during a regular Sunday church service. He wanted his parishioners to "touch these things they're not supposed to talk about."

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