

Homosexuality, Theology and the Bible

A day with Canon Victoria Lynn Garvey

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

November 16, 2013

9:30AM-3:00PM



Last summer our church's General Convention approved for trial usage a provisional rite to bless same sex unions. This summer the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act. Currently, thirteen states and the District of Columbia legally recognize same-sex marriage. In many of our churches there are interesting discussions going on about all of these issues.

Have you ever wondered what people mean when they talk about what "the Bible says" about issues of homosexuality? Have you ever wondered what Jesus said about homosexuality? Have you ever wondered how our Baptismal promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves" applies to people who are gay or lesbian? Have you wondered what the Episcopal Church has to say about gays and lesbians or *to* gays and lesbians?

This is a day to bring your questions, an open mind, and a willingness to learn, to explore and to share. Please plan to spend the whole day if you come.

Where: St. Christopher's Episcopal Church (there is ample parking)

When: November 16, 2013 from 9:30AM to 3:00PM

Cost: \$20 to cover the cost of lunch and materials

Register: Fill out the slip below with a \$20 check made out to St. Christopher's ("Garvey" in the memo line.)

About the presenter: An educator for most of her life -- a perspicacious 1st grade teacher had her coaching others when she was 6 -- Canon Victoria Garvey has a passion for learning and teaching, and unsurprisingly, for the Church. In her professional career she has taught at nearly every level from 2nd graders through graduate school, but has spent most of that teaching time at one of our seminaries, Seabury-Western. At Seabury-Western she taught biblical languages and biblical theology, her doctoral areas. These days, those passions for learning/teaching/Church are fed in her position as the Bishop's Associate for Lifelong Christian Formation in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago where she even gets paid for doing what she loves. In addition to that position, she continues to speak locally, nationally and occasionally, internationally. She facilitates workshops, leads retreats and in her spare time, serves the wider church as a board member and committee member of several church wide commissions. She is currently the chair of the diocesan deputation to General Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

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