

Kansas City Coalition for
Welcoming Ministries presents



*An inter-faith exploration of our
commitment as people of faith to
welcome and celebrate our
LGBTQ members and friends*

Friday, November 7
and Saturday,
November 8

We invite you to join us on **Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th**, for two days of work designed to help your congregation become more welcoming to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community. If your faith community is just beginning this journey, we'll provide tools and strategies for the road ahead; if you're already welcoming, we'll explore ways to deepen your commitment.

The Academy begins Friday with a viewing of the acclaimed and controversial film "For the Bible Tells Me So", at 6:30 p.m. followed by a panel discussion moderated by Vern Barnett of the Kansas City Interfaith Council.

Saturday, the Academy kicks into gear with exciting workshops and discussions, and opportunities to network with other people of faith who share your commitments. Saturday begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am, and ends with an interfaith worship service. Lunch will also be provided.

All events take place at First Lutheran Church, 6400 State Line Road, Mission Hills, KS. Child care is available for both days.

For more information about the Academy of Welcome or the Kansas City Coalition for Welcoming Ministries, check out our website, or email Rev. Donna Simon at donnasimon@hotmail.com

Saturday's lunch will feature a Keynote Address by Alvin Brooks, former Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member, Kansas City, MO.

Saturday Workshops include:

- How to Become a Welcoming Community of Faith
- From Tolerance to Celebration
- Celebration to Advocacy: Taking the Welcoming Message Out of Your Church and Into the World
- For the Bible Tells Me So: What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality
- Understanding Transgender
- Transgender Spirituality
- Addressing Violence Within and Towards the LGBTQ Community
- Working with LGBTQ Families: Tools for Religious Educators
- Listening to Youth

**Kansas City Coalition for Welcoming Ministries
2nd Annual Academy of Welcome
Registration Form**

Yes! Sign me up!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Organization: _____

_____ I'm attending "For the Bible Tells Me So" movie and panel discussion with Vern Barnett on Friday, 11/7, 6:30p.m. (*Donations accepted*)

_____ I'm attending Workshops, Keynote Address by Alvin Brooks, Networking Opportunities and Worship Service on Saturday, 11/8, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (*\$20 for individuals, \$15 each for groups of 3 or more*)

I require childcare on:

_____ Friday _____ Saturday

Questions? Call Rev. Donna Simon,
816-421-3200

