

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (as you would like to be listed on participant list and name tag) Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sharing a room with someone not included on this registration, please give us their name so that we can honor your wishes. \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging Preference** \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Triple \_\_\_\_\_ Number and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a scholarship need? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you include a small donation for the Scholarship Fund? I am including \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship fund and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for registration. Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please enclose \$40 advance payment per person (non-refundable). Please pay in U.S. funds.

**Make checks payable to:** Connecting Families; Mail to Rose & Bob Moyer, 713 Scenic Drive, Harleysville, PA 19438. **OVER**

### Lodging Options

Full Payment Received By:	<u>Mar 15</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>
Per Person Single Occupancy	\$265	\$285
Per Person Double Occup.	\$215	\$235
Per Person Triple Occupancy	\$200	\$220

Children 1-5 with parent	\$26 per child
Children 6-12 with parent	\$90 per child
Children 12-17 with parent	\$148 per child
Children under 1	no charge

Price includes: registration, lodging, Friday evening snack, three meals on Saturday, two meals on Sunday. Vegetarian and special diet provisions available. All rooms have two queen size beds and a private bath. Additional cot may be requested. Linens provided.

#### Advanced Registration

\$40 per person (non-refundable)  
 Applied toward total registration costs  
 (we suggest calling or emailing first to check lodging space if registering after the March 15 deadline)

#### Payment

Make checks payable, in U.S. funds, to: Connecting Families. Mail to: Rose & Bob Moyer, 713 Scenic Drive, Harleysville, PA 19438. 215-256-0247 or rmoyer@verizon.net.

A more complete schedule and a detailed map to find the conference center will be sent to you along with a confirmation of your registration.

You are encouraged to bring works of art, musical instruments, videos, and books to share (especially hymnals.)

*This weekend has been planned by and for Connecting Families participants in cooperation with Brethren/Mennonite Council.*

**Since we rely mainly on word-of-mouth to reach new people, feel free to copy this form and use it to invite others.**

# Connecting Families Weekend

**April 17-19, 2009**  
**Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center**  
 Reisterstown, Maryland

*how to effectively confront/respond to homophobia*

**Resource Person: Steve Clapp**



**Connecting Families** welcomes families, and supporters of/and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Connecting Families weekend is intended to be a safe, relaxing time to share our common thoughts regarding sexual minority issues as they affect our families, our friends, our churches, and ourselves.

We are a group of people, each on our own journey. Through listening and sharing our stories, we seek to provide support for families whose children are coming out to them and/or to their church. We are committed to maintaining confidentiality within the group, to providing a place to speak in safety or to remain silent, and to sharing in a non-judgmental atmosphere. As a group, we work to find ways to educate and engage our churches in dialogue and to help them understand and accept our families.

# Connecting Families Weekend Schedule

## Friday, April 17

Registration will begin at 4:00 PM. A light supper/ snack will be available at 6:00 PM. The evening activities will begin at 7:00 PM with singing, introductions, and a family story.

## Saturday, April 18

Following breakfast, we will begin with a time of singing followed by another family story. After a short break, Steve Clapp, our weekend resource person, will share with us.

After lunch we will gather for more singing and Steve will again share with us.

There will be time later in the afternoon for small group sessions or video presentations on topics helpful to GLBT people, their families, and supporters. There will also be some free time.

In the evening there will be various group reports, small group sharing, and free time to share interests and music.

## Sunday, April 19

Sunday mornings at Connecting Families have proven to be very meaningful times of worship. It is a time to give thanks for our families and friends as well as a time of encouragement, renewal, and communion. Our weekend concludes with a noon meal together.

### The Planning Committee

Esther Becker, Mary Jane Fox & Verna Miller, Al & MaDonna Holsopple, Bob & Rose Moyer. For questions about the weekend, contact Rose or Bob at 215-256-0247 or email [rmoyer@verizon.net](mailto:rmoyer@verizon.net).

## *how to effectively confront/respond to homophobia*

Rev. Steve Clapp, the president of Christian Community, is the author or coauthor of over thirty books on congregational life including "Faith Matters: Teenagers, Religion, and Sexuality," "Deep and Wide: Hospitality and the Faithful Church," "The Gift of Sexuality: Empowerment for Religious Teens," and "Widening the Welcome of Your Church." He is currently directing a project on LGBT Rights and the Church which has resulted in the publications "Silent and Undecided Friends: Motivating Greater LGBT Rights Advocacy Among Clergy and Congregations" and "Taking a New Look: Why Congregations Need LGBT Members." He serves as a volunteer minister at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife have two young adult children and currently share their home with two energetic, trouble-making cats.

### Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center

5425 Mt. Gilead Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

410-429-4400 [www.pearlstonecenter.org](http://www.pearlstonecenter.org)

We are so pleased to find a very welcoming place for our retreats. Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center, a Jewish institution which hosts groups from all religions, races and persuasions, is located approx. 30 minutes northwest of Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to the comfortable housing and meeting facilities, there is an exercise room, lounge areas, hiking trails, organic farm, children's play and crafts areas. All of Pearlstone's public and common areas are accessible for individuals with physical disabilities.

Please include any dietary needs, housing needs, or special needs for children: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation from Baltimore/Washington International Airport can be arranged. Let us know your travel plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special issues you would like to discuss in a small group? Please describe it and we will try to accommodate your concern. \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first Connecting Families experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for future meetings (speakers, stories, themes). \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to: \_\_\_\_\_ tell your family story \_\_\_\_\_ serve on the Planning Committee \_\_\_\_\_ help with meeting logistics?