

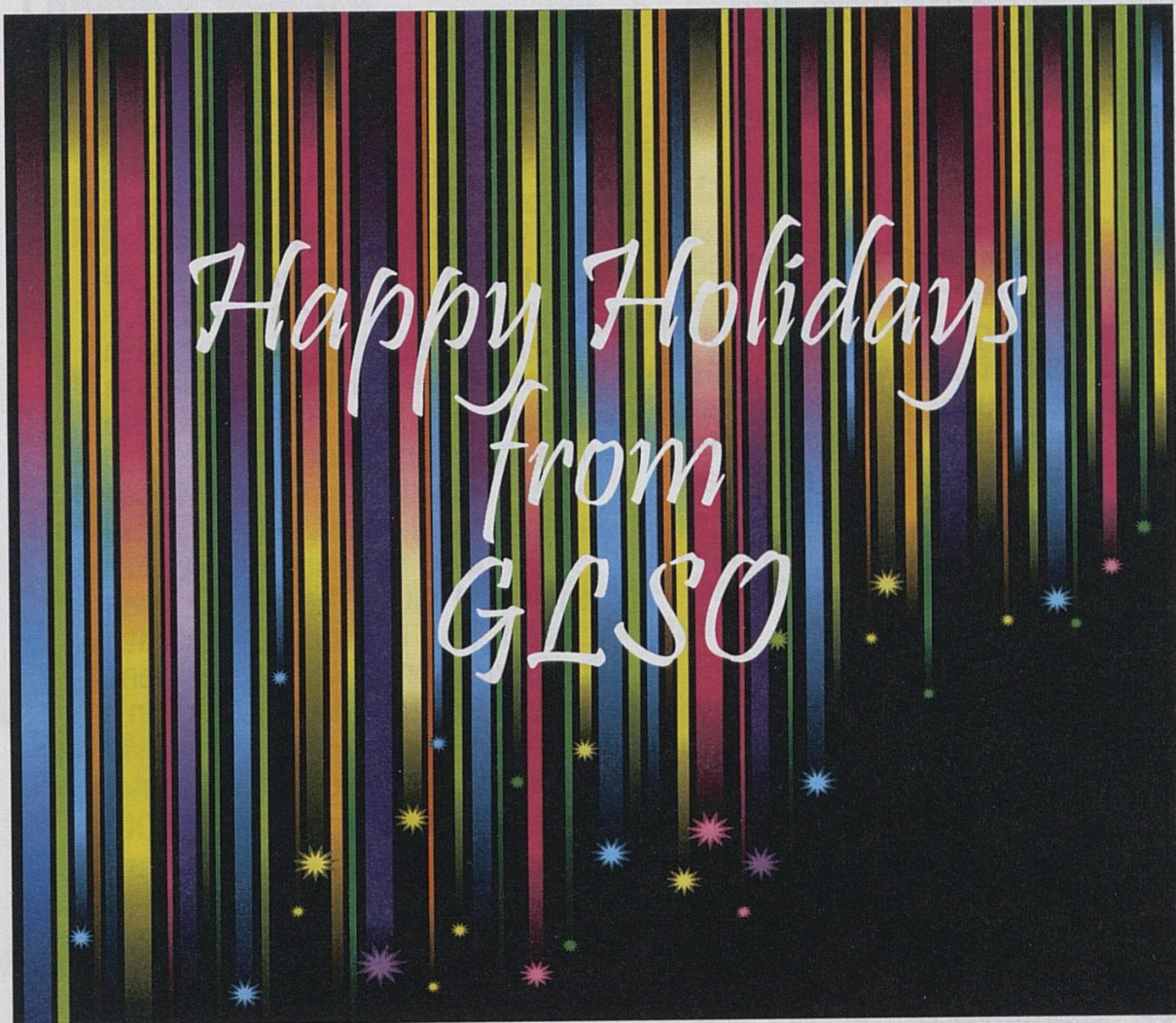
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Human Rights Commission rules Hands On Originals Guilty of Discrimination



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HRC rules against Hands On Originals

As we finish Thanksgiving and move toward Christmas (or whatever you may choose to celebrate), we realize there is much to be thankful about this holiday season. Queer communities enjoyed some major victories in the recent elections. Three states voted for gay marriage, and one voted not to create a Prop 8-type legislation. Gay officials were elected to office in several places including Tammy Baldwin who will serve as the US Senate's first openly gay senator.

In Lexington, we have enjoyed a massive victory as well. The Human Rights Commission ruled that Hands On Originals (HOO) is guilty of discrimination by refusing to print the 2012 Lexington Pride Festival t-shirts.

To recap, the Lexington Pride Festival Committee gathered quotes last year to have their t-shirts printed. HOO provided the best quote for the needs of the committee. When the committee contacted HOO to accept the quote, HOO refused to do the work under the grounds that they were a Christian organization.

The Lexington Pride Festival is a committee of the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO). The committee reported HOO's refusal to the board, which decided to pursue a discrimination complaint with the Human Rights Commission

(HRC). The board was able to do this under Lexington's Fairness Ordinance. The Fairness Ordinance states that a company that provides general services cannot discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The GLSO argued that printing t-shirts is a general service; therefore, HOO cannot discriminate against GLSO by refusing to print t-shirts on Christian grounds after providing a quote.

The story went viral, was in the newspaper for several days, made TV media, spawned two Facebook groups, and saw a protest demonstration take place. The HRC began working immediately and gathered mountains of research. HOO asked for mediation, and representatives of GLSO met with them at the HRC. Mediation failed, and the HRC kept the investigation going.

After months of diligent research and investigating, the HRC finally produced a verdict against HOO. The GLSO was elated, and is proud to operate in Lexington. GLSO president Aaron Baker said, "We didn't win any money – we won what we were looking for all along – a declaration that HOO acted wrongly and an order not to do it again." This situation demonstrates that gay people do not have to put up with discrimination. They are valuable members of our society, and Lexington knows it. Perhaps the best holiday gift of all is knowing that we can stand up for our rights and win.

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Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec 1, 6:30 p.m.
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Thursday, Dec 6, 6:30 p.m.
Pride Center

KY Bourbon Bears Meeting

Saturday, Dec 8, 9 p.m.
Crossings

Lexington Gay Geeks Book Club

Friday, Dec 14, 6:30 p.m.

Imperial Court of Kentucky Meeting

Sunday, Dec 9 & 23, 6 p.m.
Pride Center

Pride Festival Planning Meeting

Thursday, Dec 27, 7 p.m.

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Don Lowe

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The mission of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to provide support and services to the GLBTQQIA community.

The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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Merry " Twisted " Christmas from the Imperial Court of Kentucky!!!!

By TriNity, Contributor

We continue our fundraising efforts throughout the month of December with our Annual AVOL Kids Christmas show on Dec. at Crossings.

This is always a truly heart warming show. By far one of, if not THE most rewarding and meaningful shows of any Reign. Raising the funds to purchase Christmas gifts for children living with or affected by HIV/AIDS is truly a rewarding experience. Then when you see the lists, and go and actually purchase the little things they ask for..... Well, it really puts a whole lot of things in perspective for you.

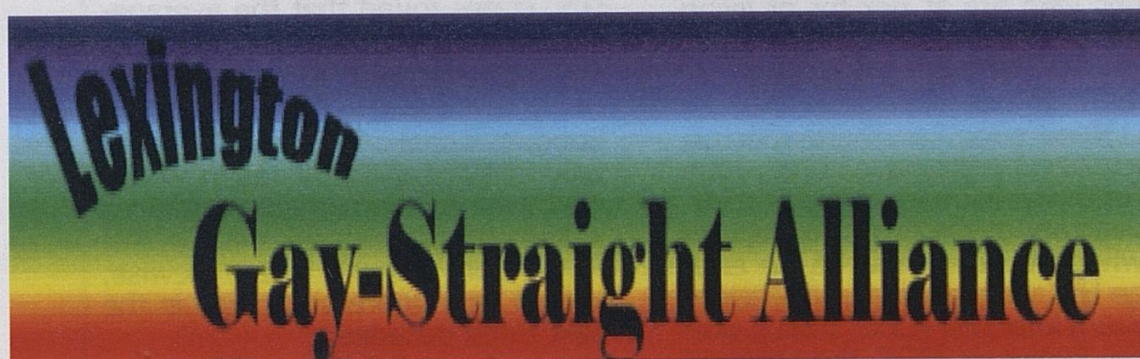
We hope you will join Emperor 31 Daryl "BigD" Lyons for Trivia night, with his co -host this month Emperor 29 Clayton Burchell. Watch Face book for the date and venue. It's always a super fun time with cocktails and trivia questions about his co-host and various other topics.

On the 23rd, We will be hosting our annual Miss/Mr Mary Christmas contest. This year notice it's not just the Miss version as we are adding a category for the Drag Kings in our community. We will be crowning both a Miss and Mr. that night. Always fun putting little TWISTS here and there.

So if you or someone you know is interested in this contact me on Facebook for a contestant packet. So we hope you'll join us and see who will be come the next MISS Mary Christmas, and the 1st MR Mary Christmas.

And last but certainly not least..... From HMIM Emperor 31 Daryl "BigD" Lyons and myself, along with our Board of Directors: Daddy Wayne, Nicole Diamond, Shotz with a Z, JD Vaughn, Brad Shepard, Clayton Burchell, and Tim Logsdon, we would like to wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Trinity HMIM Empress 31The Twisted Empress From the Heart - Through the Court - For the Community



Thirty years of AIDS in America: A story of infinite hope

By Ronald O. Valdiserri

The year 2011 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the first case reports in the United States of what we now know to be end-stage HIV disease.

This chronological milestone provides an opportunity to reflect upon the changing context of the American HIV/AIDS epidemic. Using two seminal documents as a framework, the 1986 Institute of Medicine Report, "Confronting AIDS," and the 2010 National HIV/AIDS Strategy, this descriptive analysis details our accomplishments in addressing the domestic U.S. epidemic and outlines what remains to be done on the long road to eradication of HIV disease.

The past three decades have witnessed tremendous biomedical and behavioral advances in preventing, diagnosing, and treating HIV disease. However, to fully realize the promise of these scientific advances, such that we achieve the vision of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, we must develop effective strategies to surmount a number of salient challenges, including: unbalanced combinations of prevention interventions; programs that are not of adequate scale to achieve population-level results; systems of service delivery that do not function in an integrated fashion; and social and economic structures that increase the vulnerability of populations who are at risk for or living with HIV disease.

As both the lay (Healy & Maugh, 2011) and scientific (Dieffenbach & Fauci, 2011) press have noted, June 5th of this year, marked the thirtieth anniversary of the first case reports of what we now know to be end-stage HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection (CDC, 1981), otherwise known as AIDS, the acquired

immune deficiency syndrome. Given the broad and profound impact that this epidemic has had on families, communities, systems of care, social norms, and our collective scientific enterprise, there are many ways that one might make note of this milestone.

First and foremost, it is an occasion for solemnity and commemoration. Since those first five cases were reported in early June 1981, nearly 600,000 men, women, and children have died in the United States as a result of HIV disease (CDC, 2011a), and Ronald O. Valdiserri, MD, MPH, is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Infectious Diseases, Director.

Globally, an estimated 30 million people have died of HIV-related causes (UNAIDS, 2010). With profound sadness, we recognize that HIV has brought premature death to millions—and that behind every one of these mind-numbing numbers are families, partners, spouses, co-workers, and neighbors who have been permanently affected by the loss of someone held dear (Valdiserri, 1994).

Even in the face of this astonishing mortality, there are reasons to mark this thirtieth anniversary with hopeful expectation. In the industrialized nations of the world, including the U.S., survival following an HIV diagnosis has improved considerably with the advent of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) in the mid 1990s. Between 1995 and 1998, AIDS deaths decreased 63% in the United States (CDC, 2011b). Analysis of surveillance data from 25 U.S. states found that the average-life expectancy after HIV diagnosis increased from 10.5 to 22.5 years between 1996 and 2005 (Harrison, Song, & Zhang, 2010). But it's not only in the treatment realm where we have seen remarkable advances in knowledge.

Prevention science has, likewise, logged very impressive gains in the past three decades.

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Community Holiday Potluck Dinner

The Board of GLSO would like to invite you to Community Holiday Potluck Dinner at the pride center on Wednesday December 19th at 7 p.m. Come celebrate the holiday season with your friends at GLSO. Bring your favorite dish and your good cheer for this holiday season.

Yard Sale at Pride Center

On Saturday, December 6, from 8 am to 2 pm, there will be an inside sale at the Pride Center. We have some traditional yard sale items such as small appliances, collectibles, new women's casual clothing sizes med and large, T-shirts remaining from other sales, silver plate pieces, and household nick-knacks. There will be some GLBT books DVDs and items left from Pride Fest. The profits from these items will go to GLSO and to youth programming.

We also have some more unusual things including "estate" items.

There will be vintage clothes from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, a queen size magnetized mattress (to increase the body's ability to heal), vintage books (at least one gay author), and antiques. I will be listing some items on Greg's List that will also be available for purchase. (for example: a complete silver ware set).

Come and see what we have, there may be a Christmas present for someone!

TransKY Meeting

Saturday, January 5th 2013 will be the January meeting of TransKentucky. The meeting will be held at 7:30pm at the GLSO pride center on Waller Ave. Our topic for this month will once again be "open discussion" because the meeting is close to a holiday.

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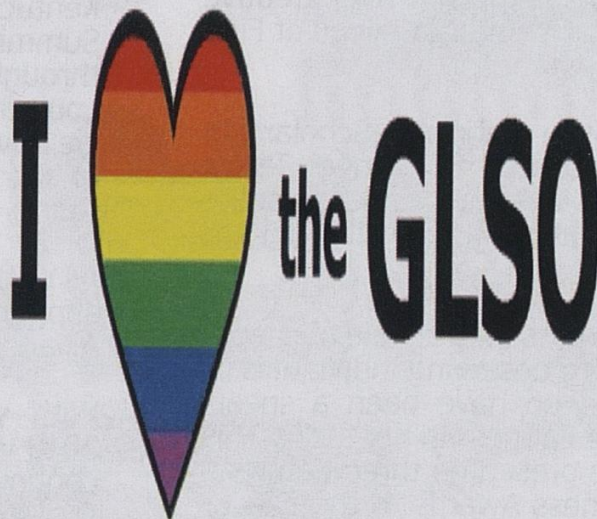
In the United States, routine HIV screening of women during pregnancy and prompt antiretroviral treatment for those found infected has resulted in a 92% decline in perinatal HIV transmission (Fowler, Gable, Lampe, Etima, & Owor, 2010). Scientifically rigorous studies of behavioral interventions, targeting both homosexuals and heterosexuals, have shown efficacy in reducing sexual risk behaviors and promoting condom use (Darbes, Crepaz, Lyles, Kennedy, & Rutherford, 2008; Herbst, Beeker, et al., 2007; Johnson, Scott-Sheldon, Huedo-Medina, & Carey, 2011; Johnson et al., 2008). Among drug users who inject opioids, domestic and international observational studies show that treatment with opioid agonists are effective in reducing injection drug use and are associated with lower rates of HIV prevalence and incidence (Hartel & Schoenbaum, 1998; Sullivan, Metzger, Fudala, & Fiellin, 2005). And for injection drug users who are unable or unwilling to curtail drug use, access to sterile injection equipment, as a component of a comprehensive package of prevention services, has been shown to reduce risky injection behaviors and in some studies has been associated with reduced HIV transmission among injection drug users (Palmateer et al., 2001).

Results from several noteworthy prevention trials have been published in the past decade. A randomized controlled trial of over 3,000 men conducted in South Africa between 2002 and 2004 demonstrated that men who had been circumcised were 60% less likely to become infected with HIV compared to a delayed circumcision, that is, control, group (Auvert et al., 2005). In 2009, Rerks-Ngarm and his colleagues reported the results from the first HIV vaccine trial that showed any degree of efficacy (Rerks-Ngarm, 2009). Al-

though the results were relatively modest at 31%, researchers are conducting follow-up case-controlled studies to try and identify one or more immunologic correlates of protection (Dieffenbach & Fauci, 2011). Two ground-breaking studies demonstrating the efficacy of antiretrovirals in the prevention of new HIV infections were published in 2010. Quarraisha Abdool Karim and her colleagues were able to demonstrate that a 1% tenofovir gel inserted intra-vaginally before and after sexual intercourse reduced HIV acquisition by an estimated 39%, compared to a placebo gel—and its use was not associated with any increase in adverse events (Abdool Karim et al., 2010). Later that same year, Robert Grant and members of the iPrEx Study Team reported a 44% reduction in the incidence of HIV among men and transgendered women who have sex with men who took daily pre-exposure prophylaxis with a combination of two antiretroviral medications as part of a comprehensive package of prevention services (Grant et al., THIRTY YEARS OF AIDS IN AMERICA 48|2010). The most recent prevention breakthrough, described by Cohen and his colleagues, is the first randomized clinical trial to show that treating an HIV-infected individual can reduce the risk of sexual transmission of HIV to an uninfected partner (Cohen, 2011). Recent advances notwithstanding, we must acknowledge that we have not yet achieved the vision of the U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy which strives to make our nation: a place where HIV infections are rare, and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socioeconomic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.

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Groundbreaking Year for Fairness

By Chad Hundley,
Contributor

On Saturday, November 10, 2012 the Kentucky Fairness Alliance held their 8th Annual Out & About Statewide Fairness Gala at the distinguished Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. It was a grand celebration for the work we have done for "Fairness" in Kentucky.

The evening consisted of a wonderful Silent Auction full of items and packages from various businesses across the state, a exquisite meal provided by Cafe Fraiche, special guests both in statewide politics and entertainment, and presentation of special awards and scholarships.

KFA presents three scholarships every year at the Gala. This year the "Erika's Hope" Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alicia Bingham, an undergraduate student at Eastern Kentucky University. The Mark England Scholarship went to Jason Howard, a graduate student pursuing an MFA in Creative Writing at Vermont College of Fine Arts.

The Jason Johnson Scholarship was presented to Samuel Taylor Howard, a senior undergraduate student at the University of Kentucky.

We also present a couple of special awards to deserving individuals or groups who have been a spearhead for Fairness in Kentucky. This year we presented three Catalysts for Fairness Awards to the Executive Committee of Louisville Metro Democratic Party, Brad Hampton (Louisville's AIDS Walk director), and Murray State University. The 2012 Community Service Award went to Craig Scherman from

Louisville. The 2012 "Amper&and" Award for Inclusiveness was awarded to the Louisville Veterans Administration Medical Center due to their announcing new policies for LGBT veterans representing major advances in terms of Fairness, equality and inclusiveness.

The event was sponsored by: Brown-Forman, General Electric, the Lexington G.L.S.O., Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, the Fairness Campaign and Pandora Productions.

As we look back over the past year and prepare for the year to come, we are thankful for the statewide support you have shown in 2012.

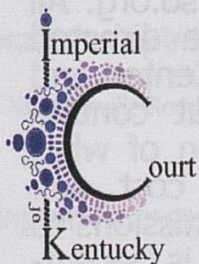
With your help, we have worked with the Fayette County Public School Board to add "sexual Orientation" and "Gender Identity" to the District's Non-Discrimination Policy; developed and implemented a popular LGBT Speakers Series in which members of our Board speak about important LGBT topics; participated in the GLSEN Greater Cincinnati Youth Summit; participated in the first Kentucky Fairness Coalition E-Summit; continued our "education through film" with the 2nd Annual Louisville LGBT Film Festival; and we have wrapped up development of our Kentucky LGBT Resource Guide.

All of this is due to your continued support of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance.

With your continued support in 2013 we can insure that Kentucky continues to move forward in Frankfort before our legislation to ensure that there is Fairness and Equality for ALL of Kentucky.

For more information on supporting KFA in all our efforts please visit www.kentuckyfairness.org.

Mr & Miss Mary Christmas



Sunday December 16th
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For more info please see
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Inside Yard Sale

The GLSO Pride Center will be having an inside yard sale on Saturday December 8 at 389 Waller Ave, Suite #100. If you have items that you would like to donate to the sale, please contact Mary at mary@glso.org. All proceeds will go to the GLSO.

Sleeping Bags & Blankets Needed

Open Arms of God Ministry is looking for lightly used sleeping bags and blankets that we can distribute to the homeless in downtown Lexington. Donations can be taken to the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, or dropped off at the church (145 Burt Rd Suite 11) on Wednesday afternoons between 2 -3 pm.

Barely Used AC Units - \$325 Negotiable

Two Pinguino PAC C120E Air conditioning units with remote controls and all that have barely been used. Works great! Retails normally for \$400+ but selling for \$325 but negotiable. Contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233 for more information and/or to see the units.

Fur Coat For Sale

Gorgeous Fur Coat valued at \$15,000. Asking only \$3,000 but negotiable. Would be great for an elegant drag performer or classy real girl. Pictures available upon request. If in-

terested, please contact Joyce K Cruse at 859-254-6825.

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North Hanover Ave, just off East Main St, near Woodland Park. Kitchen & bath. Private entry. \$550 per month plus electric. \$250 deposit, pet friendly, Section 8 Welcome. Laundry room on site. Please call Nori at 859-230-8079.

For more information or to place a FREE classified ad in our next edition, please email the detailed info to Chad at chad@glso.org. All classifieds should be directed through the Pride Center and should be short but contain the basic information of who, what, when, where, cost, etc. Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is December 20, 2012.

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HIV/STD Testing, Services & Info.

AIDS Volunteers Inc (AVOL)	859.225.3000
Cumberland Region, SE Ky.	606.864.3776
	888.425.7282
Health Dept., Fayette	859.288.2437
	877.606.2437
Health Dept., Jessamine	859.885.4149
Health Dept., Woodford	859.873.4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502.584.1254
Louisville Region	502.574.0161
Moveable Feast	859.252.2867
Northern Ky. Region	859.341.4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859.323.5643

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	800.928.8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800.999.9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859.967.9960
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859.277.1877
Bluegrass COLTS	859.225.9169
Council for Peace & Justice	859.225.6999
Discussion Group	859.253.3233
Fairness of Louisville	502.893.0788
Gay Straight Alliance, Teens	859.266.5904
GLSO Pride Center	859.253.3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859.619.7521
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Kentucky Fairness	270.703.1582
Lexington Fairness	859.951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859.252.4931
Lexington Insight Group	859.230.2428
Lexington Pride Festival	859.253.3233
MACT	859.358.8335
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Integrity, Ky. Diocese	859.369.9691
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Mercy Ministry Church	859.358.0580
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