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Imperial Court of Kentucky

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will be holding its first event of the year, Investitures 27, on August 17th, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Radisson Hotel Plaza in Downtown Lexington. All members of the Imperial Court are asked to be in attendance for this event.

Emperor 27 Daddy Wayne and Empress 27 Eve St Mykal will be bestowing titles of their respective Lines of Descent for the Year, and handing out titles to all members of the organization.

Investitures 27 will be held off the main lobby of the Radisson Hotel in Spirits Lounge. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the festivities will begin at 7:00 pm. Light snacks will be served and a cash bar will be available. Mark your calendars now for the Courts premiere event as we embark on another exciting year of Fun-raising!!

Lexington Fairness

The Lexington Fairness Awards Banquet was held on June 27 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. The July newsletter had to be printed before the gala event so we now want to congratulate the winners of the awards.

The Jennifer Crossen OUT for Fairness Award went to Latoya Becall/Mark Johnson for his outstanding work in the central KY area. The Award was named for Jennifer for her years of service to our community

The Ally for Fairness Award was given to Reverend Bill Kincaid for his ongoing support

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The Lexington Lyons Celebrate!

This month the Lexington Lyons celebrate their tenth year of service to the community with an gathering of friends to be held at the Lexington Raddison Plaza Hotel. The dinner will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Reservations are \$50 a plate which include a double entree dinner, entertainment by special guest Bernie Lubbers, a look back on their Decade of Dedication, and the installation of the 2008-2009 officers.

Special room rates have been arranged for the night - please contact the Raddison at 859-231-9000 and mention the Lexington Lyons for your discounted rate of \$99.

The Lyons will also be having their annual charity yard sale on Aug. 2. See page 8 for more information. For further information on the event, please visit www.lexlyons.org or email lexingtonlyonsll@yahoo.com.

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You are welcome to attend GLSO
Board Meetings, which are on the
second Thursday of each month.

Lexington Fairness *continued*
and work for fairness for LGBT people.

Representative Kathy Stein was the winner of the Political Fairness Award. She has recently announced that she will be running for Ernesto's vacated seat in the KY Senate in the fall and where we know she will continue to be a progressive voice for reason and justice.

Mary Crone won the Leadership Award for her work in the community including the Gay Straight Alliance for Youth and GLSO. She continues to be a force for positive change.

Lexington Fairness is developing a committee structure to encourage people to participate who may not want to sit on the board. Thus, individuals who have specific areas of interest will be able to volunteer in ways they truly enjoy.

There will be three committees: 1) advocacy, 2) education/outreach, and 3) fundraising. Board members will chair each of the committees and work closely with community volunteers to develop missions and activities. Opportunities to be creative are limitless so come join the fun. More specific information about committees and meeting times are available at www.lexfair.org, or call 859-951-4450. (Another Fairness article page 14)

Unitarian Universalist Church

If you are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, the church offers "UU 101", a short introduction, about once a month. Sarah Herbener, our membership coordinator, will be offering this class on Aug 3 after church at about 11:30. People can just drop in unless they need child care, in which case you should call Sarah at the church office 223-1448 or e-mail her at membership@uucl.org to let her know how many children and their ages.

UU 101 lasts about one hour and includes a brief overview of UU beliefs and history and of our congregational life, followed by a Q & A session. Then, if weather permits, a brief walk around the grounds will conclude the presentation. There will be another class in September.

The UU Woman's Spirituality Group will meet at the home of Mary Crone on Friday, August 16, at 6 pm for pot luck and at 7 we will discuss plans for the next several months. Depending on the weather, we may have a bonfire or may watch a film about women's spirituality.

Community News

Same Sex Domestic Violence

Rarely do we talk about violence that happens within our relationships; but physical, sexual and emotional violence occurs within our lives as commonly as in the lives of straight people.

It is time to use your voice to make the world a safer place. Contribute a memory, a monologue, a rant or a prayer that will help people understand. Selected pieces will be performed at a later date. Submit prose, poetry or a theatrical piece not longer than 5 pages to LeTonia at lajone72@yahoo.com or to Santana at santana86b@uly.edu. You can also contact them for additional information.

Bluegrass Women's Network

The Bluegrass women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. To receive emails about events contact debbywoman@gmail.com. You will be notified of events ranging from camping trips, to parties, movie nights and other creative events. You can attend those of interest to you. You are also welcome to plan an event and invite the women on the list. Sign up, get involved.

Lexington Lyons & Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet once a month on the second Monday. We are a group of friends who celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather and Levi lifestyle. Join us on Monday, Aug 10 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., at 7 pm.

See our articles on page 1 & 8 — 9 or visit www.lexlyons.org.

New LGBT Phonebook

The Bluegrass Gay Phonebook, a telephone style directory publication has been launched for the Lexington and Central Kentucky area. The publication will be a directory for gay and gay-friendly businesses, service providers and community groups in the Lexington area. Brian Alan Hill, LLC, will publish the directory annually. The Bluegrass GYP will be the sister publication to the Kentuckiana Gay Phonebook, which serves the Metro Louisville and Southern Indiana area. The third edition of the Kentuckiana Gay Phonebook is now available.

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Bluegrass Gay PHONEBOOK™

The Bluegrass Gay Phonebook is a new yellow page based directory for Gay and Gay-Friendly businesses, service providers and community groups in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

The deadline for our premiere annual issue is August 8, 2008, and the directory will be available on September 19, 2008.

Call or log onto our web site for more information.

10% of our sales
will be donated to
GLSO Pride Center.



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www.BluegrassGayPhonebook.com

grass Gay Phonebook hopes to pick up where The Pink Pages left off to provide a quality community resource via its hardcopy edition and matching web site. Brian Alan Hill, LLC, will donate 10% of the gross sales from the Bluegrass Gay Phonebook to the GLSO Pride Center.

The deadline for the premiere issue is August 8, and it will then hit the streets on September 19. The hardcopy directory will be printed in full color on a glossy paper stock and be distributed freely in the Lexington area. The directory will also feature a matching web site with an online directory, bar guide, and other community-based information. To view the directory's advertising rates please go to: www.BluegrassGayPhonebook.com and click the Advertising tab.

Please contact Brian at BrianAlanHill@gmail.com with any questions or to reserve your advertising space.

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. We support each other by offering advice, resources and insights from our own experiences. This is not a therapy group.

Family, friends, and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and Lexington meeting place email TransKentucky@gmail.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion that encompasses many faith traditions. Our congregations include people who identify as Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, Pagans, Atheists, Agnostics, Humanists, and others. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington (UUCL) values our LGBT members and are proud to sponsor this month's GLSO News. We welcome visitors at any time. Our services will be at 10am until Aug 24 when we return to our regular scheduled services at 11am.

On August 3 we will be celebrating gospel music so if you like to sing, join us for that service. On Aug. 10, Michael Johnathon of Woodson's Old Time Radio Hour will be talking about Henry David Thoreau and the Walden Project. On Aug. 24 we will have our traditional Water Communion where people bring water from their summer travels and ritually join them together.

We have a variety of groups within our faith and within our congregation with various beliefs and activities. Here are a few belief systems and groups that are active at UUCL.

Earth Based Spirituality/ Paganism

Delegates from UU congregations have agreed that one of the predominant sources of our faith is, "Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature." Unitarian are not required to agree with or believe in all our principals, but this is a statement that most of us agree with.

People who choose earth based spirituality as their primary belief system often call themselves pagans. There are many different paths that are included in the pagan belief system. The Lexington UU Church has a CUPPS chapter, or

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

3564 Clays Mill Rd

859 223-1448



We are a congregation of progressive individual that stand together on issues of diversity and inclusion.

Our Sign says: Civil Marriage is a Civil Right

UU's Support Equal Marriage Rights for Same Sex Couples



Sunday Services 10 am August 3, 10, 17

Sunday Service 11 am starting August 24

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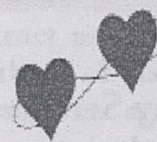
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...and all the others. Even if your name is not listed, we appreciate everyone's work to make our first downtown festival a wonderful success.

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Date & Time: Sunday, August 17
Door at 6:00 p.m.
Investitures at 7:00 p.m.

Cover: \$8.00
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Net proceeds to benefit
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Imperial Court of Kentucky

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. They meet every Sunday after church. The Women's Spirituality Group also has members that consider themselves pagan. They will have an organizing meeting on Saturday evening, August 19, at 6 pm. Contact mary crone for information (266-5904).

Some of the UU pagans in our local congregation are planning the second Lexington-Bluegrass Pagan Pride Day on Saturday, September 20th, from noon until 6 pm. It will be held at UU Church at 2564 Clays Mill Rd. There will be workshops, vendors, diviners and fun activities. There will be rituals you can participate in and activities for kids. Admission is one can of food per person to be donated to God's Pantry. www.lexpaganpride.org

Humanists

Humanists make up a significant number of our church members. They were present at our Pride Festival. From the website www.americanhumanist.org: *Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism, affirms our responsibility to lead ethical lives of value to self and humanity.*

Humanists support GLBTQ rights. American Humanist Association (AHA) president Mel Lipman called the recent California Supreme court decision "another major step forward in the history of American marriage law. Denying marriage to same-sex couples has been inconsistent with individual liberty and freedom all along. The notion of second-class citizenship has no legitimate place in the American ethos. This is why we cannot continue to tolerate the withholding of equal rights on the basis of sexual orientation."

Jason Frye, president of the Humanist Association of San Diego, added: "This is a choice day, not only for the people of California, but all of Americans. The Courts have struck down Jim Crow Marriage."

The Humanists at our UU Church have monthly meeting on the second Wednesday from 7 to 8:30. It is always open to interested individuals.

Lexington Lyons Annual Charity Yard Sale

August 2 will be another high mark in the Lexington Lyons charitable fundraising history. Having raised and disbursed over \$31,000 in the last three years, the Lyons are proud that their annual yard sale is now a popular destination. The sale will be held at 3743 Castleton Hill, just outside New Circle Road off Tates Creek.

With donors and attendees from the tristate region, this will be the largest charitable event hosted by the Lyons. The event will benefit the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago, an organization that chronicles the storied past and present of our vital and diverse community.

This event has in the past benefited the New Orleans AIDS task force, Moveable Feast, the AIDS Volunteers of Lexington, the Leather Archives, and Kentucky's own Leather Heart and Spirit weekend.

Premium offerings will include home improvement materials, art and literature, retro furnishings, appliances, video, computer equipment, electronics, office furniture, books, and video.

The "adults only" section will include novelties, leather items, creative furnishings, and library and media materials and will benefit community education.

For further information on the event and the Lyons beneficiaries, please visit www.lexlyons.org or contact them via:

lexingtonlyonsll@yahoo.com

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Just Fund KY

A Revolutionary Evening of Dinner and Dancing

On September 20th, Just Fund KY promises a night of entertainment unlike any seen before in the history of Lexington: one night, 100 dinner parties, and a spectacular dance at Lexington Center's Bluegrass Ballroom.

JustFundKY works to achieve full equity for all LGBT Kentuckians by connecting money to missions that work. We are dedicated to far-reaching social change through large-scale and long-term financial support to community-based organizations that work to end sexual-orientation discrimination in Kentucky.

In 2007, Kate Clinton: Climate Change raised over \$200,000 for Just Fund with over 1,000 in attendance. This year, Just Fund has assembled a flawless team of organizers to create a revolutionary night of dinners and dancing on Sept. 20. Our indomitable host will be Anita Madden, a lady who knows a thing or two about parties.

With her assistance, organizers are planning 100 concurrent dinner parties to be held in Lexington, Louisville and surrounding cities. Each dinner will offer its own theme, menu, and adventure. The best part is that paying for a seat at one of these dinner parties will gain you access to the night's shining feature: a spectacular dance party! The cost of the dinners will vary.

At the conclusion of each dinner party, the participants will come together at the Bluegrass Dance Hall overlooking Phoenix Park for a glittering night of music, dancing and more. The experience will showcase musical fun for savvy dancers and wallflowers alike. JustFundKY expects over 1,000 people to show up at the dance, which means if you're not

there, you're obviously square (no offense to self-proclaimed squares).

If you want to be part of this history making event and host a memorable gathering, or if you would like to attend one of these glorious dinners, please contact our Dinner Host Co-Chairs, Ann at ann@justfundky.org or Chris at chris@justfundky.org.

If you want to attend the dance only, tickets will be available on the web site for \$25 soon. At the door, tickets will be \$35. www.justfundky.org.

Just Fund 's goal is to create a million dollar endowment fund to educate Kentuckians on LGBT issues and promote fairness for communities across this state. Mr. Cliff Todd has pledged up to \$500,000 to match all money Just Fund raises, dollar for dollar.

Todd has been a continuous financial supporter of equality for all Kentuckians in the past, and this commitment represents his continued interest in securing a lasting legacy of funding for projects to advance that equality for years to come.

Once established, the income from the Cliff Todd Endowment Fund will be used to make yearly grants to support LGBT organizations and projects that work, guaranteeing that such efforts will be sustained in Kentucky regardless of whether national funders view Kentucky efforts as a priority for their charitable giving.

Check out our web site and become involved in this effort to establish this endowment fund for a fair and equal future!

www.justfundky.org

News from Lexington Fairness

By Paul Brown

Lexington Fairness celebrated another huge success with the 4th of July parade. Several people marched in front of the float with the LexFair banners and passed out candy. The float featured a house with several children and two daddies to show that the GLBTQ community is family. People from the audience joined the marchers throughout the parade, and patrons of the Bar cheered loud and proud as the float passed. Fabulous doesn't begin to describe the good vibes and sense of community present that day.

Jesse Helms

July 4th was also historic because it saw the passing of five-time US Senator Jesse Helms, bless his heart. In gay circles, his death met with as much mourning as did Jerry Falwell's. It went something along the lines of a dancing diva disco party.

Senator Helms started his career by supporting political candidates who ran on pro-segregation platforms. He created propaganda that disparaged black people and went on to be a chief opponent of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He even went so far as to sing "Dixie" to Carol Moseley-Braun, the first black woman in the Senate, in an elevator in an effort to make her cry.

In later years, he significantly opposed gay initiatives. He worked diligently to block funding of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Care (CARE) Act. He claimed that more money was spent on AIDS causes than on heart disease or cancer, and he espoused the view that AIDS victims deserved the disease because they participated in "deliberate, disgusting, and revolting conduct" and were "weak, morally sick wretches."

Well, the wretches didn't send any flowers to his farewell. Interestingly enough, US Senator Minority Leader

Mitch McConnell from Kentucky, who is up for reelection in November, did more than flowers: He gave a eulogy. He praised Helms for standing his ground and adhering to duty, "the simple duty of treating other people well." If Helms fits McConnell's description of treating others well, perhaps one should think twice before accepting an invitation to his house for dinner.

The Family Foundation

The Family Foundation played their usual tune this month. This time they targeted six UK professors for teaching their classes. Apparently, their classes don't instruct women how to dress for a life as Mrs. Cleaver as evidenced by executive director Kent Ostrander's gripe, "You don't see anyone on their Web site who is involved with Right to Life, the Pregnancy Care Center or the value of the traditional view of women, motherhood and housewives."

Popular UK professor Joan Callahan immediately lambasted the Family Foundation as witch hunters and likened them to the McCarthy era. Reportedly, she was offended that she didn't make their list of witches. The lucky winners were Robert S. Tannenbaum, Joanna M. Badagliacco, Ellen D.B. Riggle, Melanie Otis, Jan Oaks, and Lucinda Ramberg. Here's a standing ovation for the Witches and for Joan and best wishes to Joan for making that list next time around.

Note to the Family Foundation: 1958 is long since gone, and women no longer go to college to get their "M-R-S" degree.

In case you missed this news, Ernesto Scorsone has decided not to seek reelection to his state Senate seat. He plans to file to run for Fayette circuit judgeship in November. Kathy Stein will run for his senate seat.

Rev. Kelly Flood, previously the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, is interested in replacing Stein. Her progressive views could have an interesting impact in the House of Representatives. Go Kelly!

GLBT Publishing History by mary crone

Last month I covered some GLBT publications that became available in the second half of the Twentieth Century. Here is a list of publications that premièred between 1900 and 1940.

1904: In Paris, France, Renee Vivien published *A Woman Appeared to Me*, a biographical account of her tormented relationship with Natalie Clifford Barney. Vivien's poetry was widely acclaimed by critics as the epitome of the French romantic style. Her poetry and prose were all openly lesbian.

1908: Edward Carpenter published *The Intermediate Sex* in England idealizing male friendship and homosexuality. He had this to say about gender: "The improbability... of finding in Nature a sharp cleavage between all that is masculine on the one side and all that is feminine on the other, is immense."

1909: "Akademos", a French journal, was published monthly by Count Adelswärd Fersen.

1918: Emma Goldman was labeled the "most dangerous woman in America" by the FBI and deported to Russia. She was a Jewish Anarchist who opposed the draft for WWI and openly supported gay rights and equality. She spoke and wrote on a wide variety of issues, including prisons, atheism, freedom of speech, militarism, and free love. "*And we're dancing Emma*"

1920: Natalie Barney's *Pensees d'une amazone (Thoughts of an Amazon)* published. One section of this book, "Misunderstanding, or Sappho's Lawsuit", included historical writings about homosexuality along with her own commentary. "My queerness," Barney said, "is not a vice, is not deliberate, and harms no one."

1922: "The God of Vengeance", a play by Sholem Asch, written originally in Yiddish, opened on Broadway. It was unusual on several counts, portraying a Jewish brothel owner, a loving lesbian relationship, and domestic violence. The entire cast was arrested on obscenity charges.

Dec. 1924: Illinois granted a charter to Henry Gerber's Society for Human Rights, the first documented gay rights organization in the United States. The Society published two issues of *Friendship and Freedom* in 1925 before Gerber and several of his associates were arrested and charged with "conduct unbecoming a postal worker". Gerber served in the American army of occupation in Germany after World War I and was deeply influenced by the German homosexual emancipation movement that was happening there.

1926: "The Captive", a Lesbian themed play, opened on Broadway sparking so much controversy that the "Padlock" law was enacted, prohibiting Broadway plays from depicting "sex perversion." The star was Helen Menken, then the wife of Humphrey Bogart.

1926: The journal "Fire!", a periodical showcasing the work of Harlem Renaissance writers, published its first and only issue. In this periodical, the erotic narrative poem "Smoke, Lilies and Jade" by Bruce Nugent, was the first published piece about homosexuality by an African-American writer.

1927: Written and produced by Mae West, "The Drag" was the first play with gay male content to be produced in the U.S. It was a box office success but it played in New Jersey because it was banned from Broadway. West regarded talking about sex as a basic human rights issue and was also an early advocate of gay and transgender rights.

1928: Virginia Woolf's novella *Orlando* was published. A semi-biographical novel based in part on the life of Vita Sackville-West who was known to have romantic relationships with women. Orlando tells the story of a young man who decides not to grow old. He wakes up one morning to find that he has metamorphosed into a woman -- the same person in a woman's body. Woolf's fantasy was perhaps one of the earliest portrayals of transsexuality in a novel.

1929: New York publisher Covici-Friede is convicted of

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for publishing Radclyffe Hall's lesbian novel *The Well of Loneliness*. The conviction is later appealed and overturned.

1930s: Other European groups dedicated to increasing tolerance for gay men and lesbians published newsletters and other periodicals. The journal "*Der Kreis (The Circle)*" began publishing in 1932 in Zurich, and "*Vriendschap (Friendship)*" and "*Lesbos*" were established in Holland.

1934: Despite the padlock bill, Lillian Hellman's play "The Children's Hour", about two teachers accused by a student of being lesbians, opens on Broadway. There were some objections but the play was deemed acceptable, perhaps because one of the main characters commits suicide because she realizes that the accusations were correct: she was a lesbian.

Moonshine Bears of KY

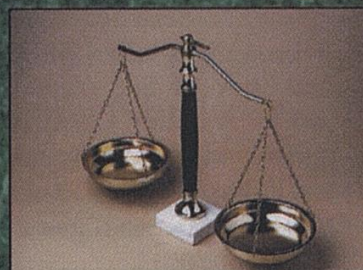
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Immigration A GLBT Issue?

There is a lot being said about immigration and immigrant rights these days. It will be one of the major issues in the upcoming elections. Is immigration a GLBT issue? YES

First of all, GLBT people need to be allies to other oppressed people. All oppressions are linked and we should be standing up for equality and justice for all. That does not mean automatic citizenship for everyone that enters our country, it means a fair and just system.

In addition, there are people in many areas of the world that are facing persecution prison, and even death for their sexual orientation or gender identity. Our government does not recognize these issues as qualifying a person for sanctuary.

Another way LGBT people are affected by current immigration policies involves bi-national couples. There is an estimated 40,000 gay and lesbian couples living in the United States who are caught in legal limbo because one of them has not been able to achieve citizenship. Some of these couples are married in Massachusetts or California but these marriages are not recognized by the federal government.

When California's Supreme Court struck down a ban on gay marriage in May, becoming the second state to allow same-sex nuptials, many thought that couples could now have a legal way to claim citizenship. Unlike Massachusetts, California does not require residency so people from other states have traveled there to be married.

But the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services says that nothing changes with the California court's ruling. "The couples are married under state laws in California. The federal government does not recognize these marriages for immi-

gration purposes," says Citizenship and Immigration Services spokeswoman Chris Rhatigan.

In fact, bi-national couples could make matters worse if they wed since getting married signals intent to stay in the United States. Legal experts are advising couples not to get married until these marriages are recognized by the US Gov. It can also jeopardize an immigrants visa applications.

Rachel Tiven, the executive director for Immigration Equality, hopes the Uniting American Families Act will be approved by the U.S. Congress in the next few years. That act would let U.S. citizens in bi-national same-sex relationships sponsor their foreign-born partners for immigration. Tiven said gay and lesbian couples have learned to live with their lack of rights because their relationships make it all worth it. But the immigration inequality "can cost you the relationship itself," she said.

Shannon Minter, legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said he has seen many gay and lesbian couples leave the country to stay together.

At least 19 nations worldwide provide some form of immigration benefits to the same-sex partners of citizens and permanent residents, while the U.S. still refuses. They include Canada as well as about a dozen European countries.

Thom Vernon, a California arts educator with two graduate degrees, had to move to Canada to save his relationship with his partner, who is from Zimbabwe. They have since married.

"I am an American citizen, for God's sake," said Vernon from his home in Toronto. "The fact that I can't bring in my partner of nine years is incredibly unfair and unjust." As a highly educated professional, Vernon has an advantage in seeking residency in another country like Canada, but bi-national couples of lesser means don't have that option.

ST. MYCHAL THE MARTYR PARISH

Sunday Worship 10:30



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You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We are in a new location at 1033 Industry Rd. off Winchester Rd. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national church that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain all persons into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

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 Lexington Health Dept. 288-2437
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 Council for Peace & Justice 255-6999
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 Social Services (formerly First Link) 211
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