



Building an Inclusive Church

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HAYWARD, CA

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**National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's
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**United Church of Christ Health and
Wholeness Advocacy Office**

Reconciling Ministries Network

This training is targeted to congregations affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.
However, anyone from any denomination or church is welcome!

Location

Eden United Church of Christ
21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA 94541
510.582.9533
www.edenucc.com

Cost

Registration fee of \$85 includes the training, all materials, and the meals detailed below. Registration deadline is March 26. Cancellation fee is \$25.00. No refunds for cancellations made after March 26.

Schedule

The training begins with lunch at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 9 and ends at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 11. Please make every effort to arrive for lunch on Friday (it sets the stage for the training) and stay until the end on Sunday.

Travel

If traveling by air, we recommend that you fly into Oakland (OAK). Once you arrive at the airport, take the Air-BART shuttle bus to the Coliseum/Oakland Airport BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) station. The Air-BART

shuttle leaves every ten minutes from a single shuttle stop for both terminals, conveniently located between Terminal 1 and 2 at OAK's third curbside. The fare is \$3, payable in exact change only on the shuttle bus. When you arrive at Coliseum/Oakland Airport station, purchase a ticket (one-way fare to Hayward is \$2.15) and proceed to the Fremont platform. Take the Fremont-bound train south three stops to the Hayward station, approximately 12 minutes. With advance notice of your arrival date and time, we can arrange for you to be picked up there and taken to either the hotel or the church. When booking your flights, please plan to arrive no later than 10 a.m. on the 23rd, and book your departure after 5 p.m. on the 25th. To arrange pick-up from the Hayward BART station, please call Pepper Swanson at 510.582.9533.

Directions

Directions to Hotel from Oakland Airport by Car

As you exit the Airport, follow signs for I-880 South. Merge onto I-880 S toward San Jose and travel about 3.5 miles. Merge onto I-238 S via Exit 31 toward I-580/Castro Valley/Stockton/Fresno. Take the CA-238/Castro Valley Blvd exit toward Hayward and merge onto Castro Valley Blvd. Comfort Suites is on the right at 2419 Castro Valley Blvd. This is a congested route at commute times – please allow 45 minutes to 1 hour travel time.

Directions to Eden United Church of Christ from Oakland Airport by Car

Take I-880 South to I-238 South. Exit at Mission Blvd. Turn left on Lewelling St. (at the end of the ramp). Turn right on Mission Blvd. Continue to Grove Way (about 0.8 miles to the third traffic light) and turn left on Grove St. and proceed one block to Birch St. Turn left and enter the parking lot at the north end of the church campus. This is a congested route at commute times – please allow 45 minutes to 1 hour travel time.

Directions to Eden United Church of Christ from the Hotel by Car (or by walking)

Start out going Northeast on Castro Valley Blvd toward Strobridge Avenue. Turn right on Strobridge and circle back to Castro Valley Blvd (around MacDonald's). Turn left on Castro Valley Blvd. Proceed ½ mile and turn left on Foothill Blvd/CA-238. Go ½ mile and turn right on Grove Way (by Walgreens) and proceed .2 miles to Birch St. Turn right on Birch St. and proceed to the parking lot on left. This is a short journey – allow 15 minutes travel. (It takes about 30 minutes to walk. The route is along a busy arterial and is not recommended at night or for those in wheelchairs or other physical challenges.)

Public Transportation/Carpools/Church Volunteer Transport

Public transportation is available from the Oakland Airport via BART (train) to the Hayward Station and then local bus, taxi, or church volunteer transport. Public transportation between the hotel and church is time-consuming and inconvenient and we recommend participants carpool to and from the hotel. If you would like to arrange pick-up at the Hayward BART Station or other location, please call Eden Church in advance of your trip at 510.582.9533. For other public transportation information in the Bay Area, please try www.511.org.

Driving Directions from Other Bay Area and California Locations

Interstate 880 (from points north or south)

Take I-880 to I-238. Exit at Mission Blvd. Turn left on Lewelling (at the end of the ramp). Turn right on Mission Blvd. Continue to Grove Way (about 0.8 miles to the third traffic light) and turn left. The church is just over the bridge on the left. (Note: from Union City or points further south, you can also exit I-880 at Jackson Street and follow the Highway 92 directions.)

Interstate 580 (from points north)

Take I-580 to the Highway 238 South (Hayward) exit. Stay to the left and continue to the traffic light where the street becomes Foothill Blvd. Continue on Foothill to Grove Way (about a half mile to the next traffic light) and turn right. The church is three blocks down on the right.

Interstate 580 (from points east)

Take I-580 to I-238. Exit at E. 14th Street. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto E. 14th Street (toward Hayward). East 14th Street changes its name to Mission Blvd. in Hayward. Continue to Grove Way (about 1 mile to the fourth traffic light) and turn left. The church is just over the bridge on the left.

Highway 92 (from points west)

Take Highway 92 into Hayward where it becomes Jackson Street. Continue to Mission Blvd. (the seventh traffic light, about 1.4 miles from the first traffic light at Santa Clara) and turn left. Continue to Grove Way (about 1.1 miles to the sixth light) and turn right. The church is just over the bridge on the left side of the street.

Lodging

Participants are responsible for making their own housing reservations. We recommend:

Comfort Suites
2419 Castro Valley Boulevard, Castro Valley, CA 94546
510.889.9300

Comfort Suites is holding a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$85 per night until **March 26** for Training participants. Please call the hotel directly, request the Building an Inclusive Church rate, and provide a credit card guarantee. A complementary hot breakfast is available at the hotel.

Other Options

Limited host housing is possible on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort to assist with transportation to and from the church will be made, but cannot be guaranteed. Participants requesting host housing should check the box on the registration form indicating that request. If needed, ground transportation to and from host family homes will be provided.

Meals

Our meals will be provided by the good and generous people of Eden United Church of Christ, United Church of Hayward/UCC, and the San Leandro Community Church. Lunch will be served at the church on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Dinner will also be served at the church on Friday and Saturday nights. Please note on the registration form if you have any food allergies/restrictions or if you need vegetarian or vegan options.

There are many fast food and chain restaurants in Castro Valley (near the hotel). We also recommend the following restaurants near Eden Church and in downtown Hayward. These are most easily access by walking or by car from the Church as indicated:

La Piñata (Mexican, near Eden Church)
904 Rose Street, Hayward, CA. 94541
510.538.9967

Thai Garden (near Eden Church)
20955 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541
510.278.4224

Buffalo Bill's Brew Pub
1082 B St, Hayward, CA 94541
510.886.9823

Bijou Restaurant and Bar (French/Calif.)
1034 B St
Hayward, CA 94541
510.888.1092

Buon Appetito Restaurant (Italian)
917 A Street
Hayward, CA 94541
510.247.0120

Registration

Online: Register and pay here: www.WelcomingResources.org/newtrainingreg.htm

By mail: Print and complete the registration form and mail it with your check (\$85 in US funds made out to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) to: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 210, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

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Registration Confirmation

You will receive a registration confirmation e-mail (make sure you give us an e-mail address) or regular mail (if you do not have e-mail access).

What to bring?

- Well rested body, mind and spirit
- Your favorite writing implement
- Casual clothing and one church-going outfit
- A little extra cash or check book for buying additional resources

Recommended Reading

Each participant is requested to obtain and read a copy of *Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing* by Dennis A Jacobsen. This book, available online for about \$14 from Amazon, will enable you to understand more quickly the organizing concepts used in the training.

Questions??

For further information about the hotel, transportation, restaurants, and other logistical arrangements, please contact:
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National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's
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REGISTRATION FORM

(or register online at www.WelcomingResources.org/communityorg.htm)

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NAME: _____
Title First name Last name

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL CODE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____
Name Phone

HOME CONGREGATION: _____
Name City, State/Province

DENOMINATION: _____ WELCOMING CONGREGATION? _____

NAME TO APPEAR ON NAMETAG: _____

Special Needs

Vegetarian Vegan Other dietary needs: _____
Other considerations (accessibility, allergies, etc., please specify): _____

Gender Identity:

Female Male Intersex Transgender MTF FTM Intersex Gender Queer Other Prefer not to disclose

Sexual Orientation:

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Heterosexual Queer Two Spirit Questioning Same-Gender Loving Other
 Prefer not to disclose

Lodging Needs

I request hosted housing (not guaranteed) I will commute or make hotel reservations

Payment Information

Registration Fee (\$85.00) \$ _____ Donation for Scholarships \$ _____ TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Registration Instructions

Make check or money order payable in US funds to: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
And send to: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 122 West Franklin Avenue, Suite 210, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404
See website for registration and cancellation deadlines. Cancellation fee: \$25. No refunds after cancellation deadlines.

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