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Welcome to the 25th Annual American Kampmeeting Issue!

There is no way we can fully describe the atmosphere, the laughter, the taste of the food, the intensity of the discussions, the commitment of the business meetings, the beauty of the singing, the view of Menucha, the generosity of spirit, the Generosity of Spirit, the hopefulness, and the miracles we found there...

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...But we did take photographs. In fact we took 1200 of them. In this issue we will begin to show you our time on the mountaintop. We interviewed as many people as we could possibly find during the week and we are sharing their views this month and in the next issue. We will bring you brief updates from Europe and Australia. In later issues we will bring you Jacquie and Linda's wedding, Barbara's baptism, more pictures, more stories, more couples, and more memories.

We asked Kampers three questions: 1) What are the most important qualities or facets of your spiritual journey? 2) What are the gifts you have gotten from Kinship? 3) What are the gifts you bring to Kinship? Their answers will be wandering through these pages.

Isis: My relationship with God is the most important part of my spiritual journey. I love spending time with Him; listening to Him, talking to Him.



This is like any other relationship. I like to spend time with Him out in nature, talking to Him to and from and during work, spending time with Him in the morning before my day gets started. Seeing God in other people. Kinship has given me

fellowship, acceptance, music, unconditional love and acceptance. Oh this is hard. With Catherine's help I can see that I offer Kinship laughter and music, brightness, great beauty, thoughtfulness, understanding the confusion and honesty of the journey, a quiet caring.

Elena: The most important things to me are peace, unconditional love and knowing I have Someone who



will never turn me away. Kinship brings me acceptance, new friends; new Christian friends. You all give me the space and opportunity to use my leadership skills and my love. In exchange I offer this organization my fun spirit, ability to give unconditional love, and openness to

making connections with people.

Noel: It's important for me to know that there is a God, that there is Something more to life, that there is a better way. In my Australian Kinship Newsletter I've said that because of Kinship I know that God cares. If we are gay straight or whatever, God cares. That is why I started doing Kinship in the first



place. I bring to Kinship my life experiences and my nurturing. I am a nurse and being a nurse, I have mothering instincts.

Cheri: I love my solitude with God. I need the conversations I have with Him; and they are



conversations. In the depths of my soul I yearn for God. I love the energy God gives me. When I have questions, I have a pastor that is open to taking the time to talk about my deep questions. Kinship has given me my partner, a sense of belonging, new friends, being able

to share my energy, camaraderie, the comfortableness I feel being here. And with Kinship I love sharing my friendliness, my spirituality and an open heart.

Janice: I would say the most important thing about my spiritual journey is the love I feel no matter what is going on in my life. I've had this connection since I was young. I feel the peace. Kinship gives me support, a place to be myself, kindness, non-judgementalness, and love. I would like to be able to share what I have been going through so that my journey can be helpful to someone else.

Yolanda: I love the private time I have talking with God by myself. I enjoy a closer walk with Him through the



music that Joyce plays when we are alone. I don't get to go to church a lot because of my assisted living home but when I do, I enjoy Peter Bath's sermons. I enjoy the different programs we have for Kinship vespers. We have a small group but



they are very important. A huge part of my spirituality is coming to Kampmeeting. This feeds my soul. The Sabbath music program here is wonderful. I look forward to that every year.

I cherish the people of Kinship. I love the programming offered here; the clergy and their messages, the music, which is one of the greatest gifts Kinship gives to me. Oddly enough, the opportunity to share my talents and energy is one of the greatest gifts that Kinship gives to me.

Fulton: The most important parts of my spirituality are being able to connect to the Source of Creativity, being able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, being able to know that I am a being that was created for a purpose. Kinship shows me that there are others that are and have experienced the same or similar forces in life that I have. Kinship has been a source of enlightenment on this road I travel. I bring to Kinship my gentleness, my humor, my friendliness, aah...this is difficult...I bring my support.



Chris: Some of the most important parts of my spirituality are the feelings of closeness to God though that's not necessarily in a church setting. I come to Kampmeeting to get my spiritual fix. I enjoy being among a group of people who have the same beliefs and shared background. I like being open and being myself...not having to hide. I love the building of friendships that happens here at Kampmeeting. Kinship brings me friendships and a place where I don't have to hide any of who I am. Kinship gives me a place to learn more



Kurt: My spirituality is undefined and an exploration. Kinship has given me humor and a second look at the church. Even though I choose not to be part of the organized Seventh Day Adventist Church, I'm not so against it. I imagine this shift melts down to forgiveness. Kinship offers me patience and long suffering. This place is a constant reminder of where I came from. During Kampmeeting the gift is to feel emotion at a deeper level. Kinship always provides surprises and new things to learn. I never know who will be here and say something that speaks to me that I would never have dreamed up. This week it was the questioning parents. I bring my presence, as I say with the utmost humility, and my experience. I enjoy sharing my life and that the true sharing of my life is a gift that works here. I bring my bleached white teeth smile.



Bradley: The core of my spirituality is my openness to new and different ideas. I'm willing to look at something from another person's perspective. Kinship gave me Kurt, indirectly. Jill and Cheri introduced us. This is my second Kampmeeting. The first Kampmeeting helped me accelerate the coming out process. It provided me a completely safe and supportive environment. Kinship gave me new friends and people I can talk to. I try to bring the same things I'm looking for: to be a friend, to listen to the stories.



Brenda M.: For me the peace that I feel inside in knowing that Jesus loves me and the gift of His love for me is incomprehensible. Learning is very important to me. I like to learn. I like to be stimulated. This Kampmeeting has been a great learning experience,

very stimulating. I love the simple examples that both Regina and Kendra use that just open up the scriptures in a meaningful way. It's wonderful to have fellowship. Where we live, this has not been a great option for us. There is not a large group of people who would be accepting of our sexuality. I have not experienced such acceptance in an SDA setting. I attended MCC in the past but then I wanted to be more spiritually fed. I started back in the Adventist church but this is the first time I could be wholly me. It's been good to see Lisa. This has been a great year. I have had some fences mended with my brother and sister in law. Kinship offers me new friends. For the first time in my adult life I have a pastor with whom I could talk about real issues that embrace me and my life. I have never had a pastor that was positive about my sexual life. I have never had a pastor be amazed by who I am. The members of Kinship are a gift. It's been awesome meeting other people. My spiritual journey has led me to this point. I have been very close to leaving the Adventist church because I thought I could not find a place where I could be accepted. But now know there is a place; it's just not what I am accustomed to. I can bring a love of God, a strong desire to be a Seventh Day Adventist within a system that can be exclusive. I bring a desire to be part of making even a small impact on the understanding of the church. I don't care if I ever get total acceptance. That would be great but I would like the church to come closer to helping people understand that God loves us. I want people to know that our life is not all about sex, it is about being whole. I would like to help Adventists understand that aspect. I want Adventists to understand that this is all about growing in grace.

Barbara: The focus of my spirituality is becoming a better example of what Christ would have me to be. I want Brenda and I together as a couple to exemplify



what a Christ centered family should look like. Kinship has been a gift to me. This is the first time in the fourteen years that I have been around Adventists where I didn't have to apologize or conceal or feel "less than" because of my relationship. Kinship has helped me clarify my feelings of anger, resentment and betrayal that have affected my ability to worship my God. I have been denied baptism by two Adventist Churches and I have come to realize that when I am baptized I want membership in the church. The church ties baptism to the membership. It will take the church to heal the wound that the church has caused. Meeting the different people has been great. We don't have a gay community around us that is Adventist based. Having Regina and Lisa here brings biological family as well as Spiritual family. I would have moved Heaven and earth and mortgaged the house to be able to be here. My goal to take away from this meeting would be a shift of verb. I don't want to worship as if I were a Seventh Day Adventist. I want to worship as a Seventh Day Adventist. I am out everywhere I go. I have no problem being the face of Kinship. I have no problem speaking to groups and individuals. I am a source of what it is like to not be SDA. You forget what an inner circle you have. You forget what it is like to be outside of the conversations. We forget what its like to not be SDA. Part of the mission of being an Adventist, either gay or straight, is to change lives. I would like to be the voice of this organization to those who do not know the culture.



Bob: If God takes care of the sparrow, He will watch over me. Years ago the church had me tied in knots. The organization fed into my neuroses and negative self focus. I had to somehow separate myself from the negativism.





For a long time I didn't pray or connect with Spiritual things. As time has gone on the only way I have been able to survive is to throw my energy out into the Universe and ask for help. It always seems to happen that when I am down to my last dollar things "just seem" to work out. When I left for Kampmeeting I didn't have any money. Things were tight but they still work out. I am calling on the spiritual properties of the universe a lot more than ever before. I am quite disturbed about the destructive state of the whole world at the moment. I hope that God will intervene globally like He does for me personally. I am happy to be at Kampmeeting after a hiatus of 21 years. I went to the first one and then one more. I have enjoyed the spiritual talks. This has been wonderful. Years ago I read Miriam Wood's reprints of Anita Bryant's talk about how homosexuals were abominations. Against that backdrop the beginning talks in Kinship were powerful. I went home and started the Kinship group in DC. My brother was pastor of Sligo at the time and I started acting out a lot of anger at the church. I used the regional group to express my anger. Later the group rebelled against me. I began therapy after the first phase of Kampmeeting. I retreated from Kinship totally until now. This has been wonderful. These days I can offer Kinship my voice and the courage it takes me to get up in front of groups. I am a wonderful teacher one on one.

Marshall: I think the most important part of my spirituality is the fact that God, as my Creator and Redeemer, has pulled me into this journey despite our society's stories. He brings me on a remarkable journey into a group of remarkable people. These people have been His gift to the experiences of life. I tried following society's rules and roles but I was living a lie and could not truly listen to the voice



of God through that lie. It took a long journey and a lot of work, workshop and groups to help me to see the universal realities. If we do listen and follow where He is taking us, our lives come into focus by being who He created us to be. We can stand in alignment with God's plan for us. Then we are in alignment with His will for us. When the struggle goes away then I can begin to see what a difference we can make in other people's lives. We are all whole, perfect and complete. We muddle it up with our stories, choices and misconceptions. We are all whole and complete when the Universal Spirit ties us together. Being a Non SDA in a relationship with someone who is SDA has given me a whole new journey. I had to learn to see my journey and my relationship as a possibility of experiencing the unknown. I am in awe of the timeless moments when I experience being universally there. When we go into the awe we lose the struggle and get a remarkable connection with people. Kinship is an expansion of the gifts of life I get from being in relationship with Terre. It gives me an instant connection of sharing and relating that gives me openness even though I am not an Adventist myself. I hope that Terre being in relationship with me gives him an instant connection through MCC and my non Adventist spiritual groupings. There is the relatedness.

I offer myself to Kinship. I am a conduit to 50 plus years of experience in this journey and this society. I can help people to see different ways of being that are possible. I love getting to know who you are and helping people accept the wonders of the world that are open to us.



Stephanie: The core of my spirituality is my music, fellowship with other Christians and my wife. Kinship gives me connection to other GLBTI

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A New Heaven and a New Earth

Coming home; it's all about this. From the moment our human ambassadors believed a lie about life and the nature of God, that very God has been absolutely and minutely focused on bringing us home. Just as there was water and there was life at the very beginning, so at the end of the Bible "the angel showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal." Just as it was God's breath that created the earth, the Spirit flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb. And the one who is creating the city and the coming home Kampmeeting? "Among the lamp stands was someone like the son of man with a robe reaching down to His feet and a golden sash around His chest". In Hebrew metaphor, the lamp stands are the churches, just like they were the center of the sanctuary in the Sinai desert. And the churches are the people. If God is walking about HIS people throughout time, that means us too. And the God that is walking among us? He has a golden sash around His chest. Gold in Hebrew metaphor is pure love. The God that we saw walking among us has His heart wrapped in pure love for the people who surround Him. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace. Interesting metal, bronze. It is the material of the sacrificial altars. When Jesus' feet touched the ground, it was as a sacrifice. Glowing bronze was also used for mirrors. The mirrors described in Revelation 1 do nothing but reflect the glory of a God whose heart is wrapped in love for us. In his right hand He holds seven stars. Those stars again represent us as His churches. It is with power that He holds us. Out of His mouth came a sharp double-edged sword; in

Hebrew metaphor the Spirit of God. We and our home were created in the beginning with this Spirit and we are brought home at the end with His same power. "His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance." Ellen White says in Desire of Ages that "it will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self sacrificing love". I love to remember that every time I see the glory of this Being, the focus of



heaven is on pouring out the accumulated riches of its eternity.

One of the other things I love is that the foundations of the city make up a rainbow. The throne by the river of life is arched by a rainbow. I love that we've been told that the twelve gates will have the names and the characters of the twelve apostles written on them. We will go through the gate that most represents our character. God made room for our diversities. He made a place for all of us to enter

home. If we are loving and full of hope like John, there is a gate. If we have struggled with doubt like Thomas, there is a gate. If we have let God change impetuous lives and lopped off ears like Peter, there is gate. If we have taken (and returned) more than our due, like Matthew, there is a gate. God loves and wants fisher folk and accountants, kings and servants, farmers and those who build cities.

I have concern for those who lie, about others and about us. Revelation says that they will be found outside the city. Ellen White said that in the judgment, Uriah Smith and Butler, once a president of the General Conference, will be held accountable for the souls of Jones and Waggoner. Major and beloved church officials will be held accountable because of their self righteous, small minded, bigoted attitude. It's a warning for us, and a warning for them. It comes from Isaiah 58: "Do away with the pointing finger and the malicious talk". It comes from Exodus 20: "Do not bear false witnesses against your neighbor". It comes from 1 Corinthians 13: "Love rejoices with the truth."

I have hope in the promise and the invitation: "Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book". The face of God here is the face of one who wants us to come home with Them. "I am the root and the Offspring of David. I am the Bright and Morning Star. Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me...Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have the right to the tree of life".

...I am coming soon".

The Treasurer's Corner

2004 Kampmeeting donations/pledges were in excess of \$55,000.

Business meeting voted on 3 major projects
(More specific financial commitments to follow).

A \$25 yearly donation is all it would take to cover the cost of the Connection for each member.



Noel's Report From Kinship Australia:

I've been involved with Kinship since 1981 but just recently have begun to have a leadership role. I went to the Kampmeeting in Hawaii so I could put names to faces. I know about Kinship from listening to the stories. Those stories filled places or spaces of which I was not even aware. I didn't see much of Kinship for a while when the church sued them. I began to see the website and papers around 1993. Here at Kampmeeting I am also filling in gaps in the history. Des Ford, in Queensland, is very supportive of

GLBTI folk. I don't want to get involved with the controversy around him but I do like that someone who went to Avondale College, who was involved with the Adventist church and with its policies, has no time for people who are judgmental of GLBTI folk. The growth rate for our continent is quite strong, given that there are fewer people. I don't know if we could ever have a large Kampmeeting like you do in the states. I think what we are able to build are regional gatherings. When I get back I will see what happens. We have some plans for meetings upcoming in different parts of the continent. I will keep you in touch with what happens.

Ruud's Report from Kinship Europe:

Kampmeeting Europe is almost here! Our three bungalows are filled and we are wondering if we need to reserve a fourth. We will gather on September 17th at the Kijkduin Bungalow Park in The Hague, Netherlands. This is our third Kampmeeting and our speaker will be from the Dutch Ministerial Union. In Next Month's Connection we will have more updated news.





Adventists. I knew they must exist but I never knew there was an organization. It took me a while but I finally found the right search engine that pulled up Kinship's web page. The Connections have been helpful. They are a bit like the Adventist Review or a conference newsletter.

I would like to be a mentor for new people coming in. I have known Dorothy all of my life but I've only known she was a lesbian for the last year. She has now been a mentor for me.

Heidi: I think the most important part of my spiritual journey would be when it ended. Kinship has given me patience, hugs, acceptance, friendship, laughter, food, insight, education, family. I appreciate the chance to contribute. There is more, I am sure. The gifts I offer are hugs, humor, and an atheist perspective. I filled a place for a while



as regional coordinator but I don't have leadership abilities. I found the effort of trying to get people together like herding cats. I don't know how Yolanda gets it together but I am glad she does. I am a good listener. Once in a while I get an insight. Today I counted votes. (We think Heidi is quietly quite wonderful). People like my amusing t-shirts. Occasionally I offer a little bit of money

Dorothy: I think the center of my spirituality was my time as a teacher. I have had a lot of good friends in the Adventist church. None of them know I am gay. It's nice to know that there is a group of Adventist that is helping integrate our lifestyle with our religious history. I don't know what I have to offer Kinship; maybe my stories and my experiences and what other people call my wisdom could be a help.

My first lover was a cousin of H.M.S Richards. This

was when my husband and I had broken up around 1960. She was 20 years older than me. In ways it was wonderful to be with her. In other ways it was horrible. In those days and in Colorado where we lived, it was difficult to be out of the closet and related to a famous media evangelist. My partner didn't want anyone to know about her. Our only relationship lasted a little more than a year. I think it broke up because the family began to ask questions. I've lost track of her completely. When I lived in San Bernardino I was in a relationship with a gal that lasted nine years. I was very happy for those years. I would have been happy to have continued. Most of my relationships have been with people who were much older or younger than I. That makes for real problems. I taught school at Loma Linda and had a student that kept pursuing me. I told her to leave me alone. She didn't do that. She knew some of my relatives and got in touch with me through them. They thought it was nice that a student would be in contact with me so they told her where I lived. This was my ex-husband's family that did this! They appreciated that I let my children come and live with them. I finally got together with my student. She had two little girls and left her husband. We lived together for a couple of years. Then she met someone else. After that relationship I just didn't have the heart to try another one. These days, my children are the gifts in my life. They children know all about my life and are very understanding.

John: My relationship with God is my focus. I want to develop those skills and qualities I will need to serve God after I leave this life. This life is a training ground for me. Kinship gives me acceptance of a wider range of people that I didn't have before. This is the big thing; being worth something. I am





a non-Adventist and Kinship has given me an appreciation of a healthier lifestyle. I come here and am willing to serve. I can do things that I am asked to do. As a partner, it is good to share my experience with other non-Adventist partners.

Tobias: I have a need for a place to get together for worship with people who have my same preferences and likes. In Denver I don't have these connections. It would be easier if we all had a group of people who could support us in our worship and support us in our spiritual journey.

Kinship gives me friends throughout the U.S. and the world; people with similar stories and people who have been persecuted the way I have. I have learned that I am not alone. I bring my voice, my opinion and my story to this community.

Natalie: Right now I am angry with God and struggling with my relationship with Him. I appreciate people who have understanding, acceptance, openness to the questions I have. I appreciate the willingness of people who sit down and explain to me their understanding of the workings of God and their relationship with

Him. Kinship gives me fellowship, acceptance that it's okay to be who I am, and a perception that there is nothing wrong with me. Kinship gives me the opportunity to be there for other people who are in my situation of seven years ago. It's good to know I have a family of choice that will always be there no matter what happens. I can come here with my partner and we can be ourselves. This is a free environment where we can live without fear. In return I bring my willingness to

help out with projects. I bring a spirit of acceptance and my sense of humor. I try to generally have love for the people around me. I bring my musical talent. I bring my gifts in video and sound.

Terry P.: My spiritual journey has been a desert



experience since I came out. I am looking for a group with whom I can feel comfortable. It has been a blessing to attend MCC though I do miss my church. This is an open time. Kinship gives me camaraderie, brotherhood, sense of belonging, extended family. I bring music, a loving spirit, friendship, an increasingly honest story.

Terre: The core of my spiritual journey is family. My family has always been truly Christian and set me an excellent example of what it meant to be Christian. They have lived their lives and made their church open and accepting with a focus on true Christian behavior and a personal experience. The focus has always been on Christ. I haven't had

much exposure to judgmentalism and judgment. Marshall is another important part of my spirituality. I learn from being partnered with another Christian who may not have the same culture but has the same core values. Kinship has given me a consistent community. I pretty much feel comfortable sharing this community with any of my Christian friends; whether it is my lesbian friend Carol or my sister in law, I find a consistent, loving, Christian community as I believe a community should be. What I would like to contribute to Kinship is an experience that is not fraught with trauma that has been imposed by the Christian community. I have lived a charmed existence as far as

my family, my church and my friends are. What I have is a good story. As we go forward and people talk about extended family that knows about their orientation, I can talk about how I deal with mine and they deal with me.

Joy: I need an environment where I can be accepted for me along with my beliefs and feelings. I need to be sparked to want to learn more; get the hunger. The more I learn from others, the broader my entire faith in God becomes. I want to become a listener and a teacher for others. I grew up Mormon: a sheltered community. Politics were rampant. I never knew there was a world outside



the LDS (Latter Day Saints). Meeting Stephanie and learning about SDA's has allowed me to compare and contrast the similarities and differences. Now I am truly able to open my heart to different ways of living the gospel of Christ. A cup of water. I am not half full any more. I am full. I am spilling over. I can look at Buddhism, Hinduism, and other Christian Churches and take the aspects that fit into my life. Kinship has given me family. I am meeting individuals with various back grounds that are helping, strengthening me, and encouraging me to find, not a true path or true me, but parts of me that were lost. I can open the door and I'm finding more peace. I would hope I bring Kinship any life experiences that I have had. I hope my example speaks so loudly that I bring comfort, peace and internal warmth that someone needs on their journey.

Wes: My spiritual journey has given me a strong sense of purpose. I have a reason to be here. I think my



spiritual journey led me to be a social worker/counselor and to use my job effectively. I have an acceptance level that I don't find in someone who has not had a spiritual walk. I think it's helped me to use spiritual gifts to accept my family. I have never sought the acceptance of

my family. But my gifts have helped me accept them where they are or were. My coming out and my spiritual journey have been much different and more rewarding experiences than I thought they would be. Kinship really helped me on this journey. I joined when there was a host of young college age southern California people who were all coming in at the same time. My family was distanced from me. Discovering Kinship made the whole experience of coming out complete. Being back here after 19 years and seeing people who knew me then and still walk up to me and say hi to me as if it was yesterday is amazing. What I bring is hard to say after 16 years out. When I joined I brought a level of energy that was needed. I was a regional coordinator. I brought my gifts. I think I was able to give a whole lot of people a lot of black mail material and some laughs. This is the first and, except for one Halloween since, the last place I ever did drag. I don't know what I bring these days. I would love to see a whole lot of people back...Eddie, Doc, Scot, Bob, and the whole southern California group that met and meant so much. I would love to see all them again.



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