

History Is Speaking Again

When religious teaching is misused to justify stigma and hostility toward minority populations in American society

WHO: Faith in America

WHAT: Community dialogue on LGBT youth, families, religion and equality

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Pittsboro

Civil rights for gay and lesbian individuals have been a very divisive issue in American society. As was the case in civil rights struggles for African Americans and women, misunderstanding often creates division and strife in the area of how we relate and respond to minority groups of citizens.

Do you understand what is at the heart of this issue - and why there is so much discussion about this issue on the national, state and local levels? What is really at the heart of anti-gay marriage amendments like the one that will soon be voted on in our state?

What does it mean for your children, your church and the Pittsboro community as a whole? What does it mean for gay and lesbian family members, their neighbors, friends and co-workers? What is the equality movement really all about and how should people of faith and others respond?

We cordially invite you to attend this special event to gain information and insight into these questions and others. Jimmy Creech, co-founder of Faith in America, author of "Adam's Gift" and a leading voice in the affirming faith movement, will lead a panel of local residents for this dialogue.

There will be a public comment period for your questions.

Please join us for this timely and informative discussion.

St. Bart's Episcopal Church is located at 204 West Salisbury Street in Pittsboro.