

Best Practices in Campus Ministry

Session Five

Standing on the Side of Love, with:
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Opening Readings

The Love Feast

Medieval Jewish story, told in John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church, *A Chosen Faith*

A rabbi spoke with God about heaven and hell. "I will show you hell," God said, and they went into a room which had a large pot of stew in the middle. The smell was delicious, but around the pot sat people who were famished and desperate. All were holding spoons with very long handles which reached to the pot, but because the handles of the spoons were longer than their arms, it was impossible to get the stew back into their mouths. "Now I will show you heaven," God said, and they went into an identical room. There was a similar pot of stew, and the people had identical spoons, but they were well nourished and happy. "It's simple," God said. "You see, they have learned to feed one another."

Benediction: Telling Our Stories, Celebrating Ourselves by the Women and Religion Task Force
Published by the Pacific Central District, UUA, 1998

May the truth that makes us free,
And the hope that never dies,
And the love that casts out fear,
*Lead us forward together
Until daylight breaks
And shadows flee away.*
While we toil amidst things as they are,
May our vision of things yet to be —
Strengthen and inspire us.
May faithfulness to the good of each —
Become the unfailing virtue of us all.
May our experience be enlightened by understanding —
*Our love ennobled by service,
And our faith strengthened by knowledge.*
Blessed be.



Technology Introduction

- New, exciting technology!! ...bear with us

- Free Conference Call
 - *6 to mute and unmute
 - Call back in if you get dropped!

- Webex
 - Similar to persony...with video!
 - Tour
 - Video
 - Ppt and whiteboard
 - Chat



Presenter

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Introductions

- Name
- Leadership role
- Type of leader (lay or professional, student or non-student)
- Campus ministry name/college/congregation
- District



SSL—Reader’s Digest Version

- Interfaith public advocacy campaign
- “Harnessing love’s power to stop oppression”
- In our third year
- Based on the first principle
- Major issues:
 - LGBT equality
 - Immigrant rights
 - Loving rhetoric



Examples from AU UUs

- Westboro Baptist Church protest (community partnerships)
- Discussion for 9/11 anniversary
- TDOR (campus partnerships)



Social Justice On-Campus

- What is your group already doing for social justice?
- Has your group engaged with SSL before?
- Social justice tips:
 - Partner with other campus organizations and local congregations
 - Engage with emerging issues on campus—what are folks excited/concerned about?
 - Send us blog posts & photos!

30 Days of Love

- Continuation of “Re-Imagining Valentines Day” in 2010 & “National SSL Week” in 2011
- Theme: “Story of Us, Story of Now”
- MLK Day (Jan. 15)–Valentines Day (Feb. 14)
- Daily activities from calendar
- Prep for Justice GA



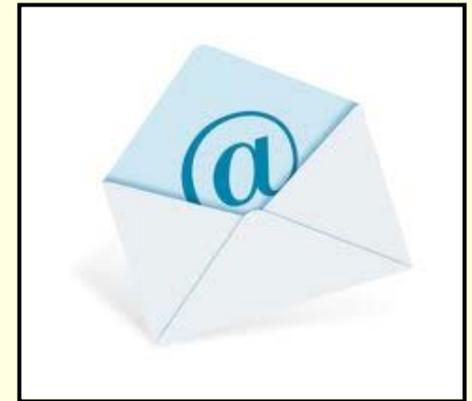
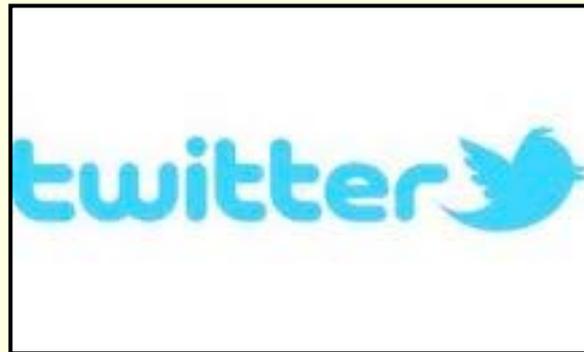
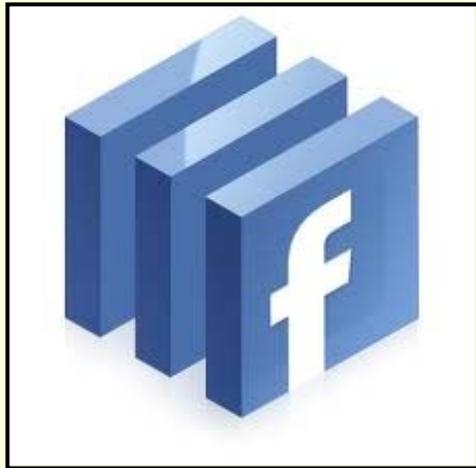
How can we help you?

- What would excite you?
- Would it be helpful to have an SSL campus ministry curriculum?
- What would that look like?
- What other resources would you like to see?
- How can we facilitate your participation in the 30 Days of Love?



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Q & A

Questions for Meredith or your colleagues on the call!

- Introduce yourself before asking question
- If desired, direct your question to one individual



Closing Reading

Benediction
#704 in Singing the Living Tradition
John Murray

Go out into the highways and byways.
Give the people something of your new vision.

You may possess a small light,
but uncover it, let it shine,
use it in order to bring more light and understanding
to the hearts and minds of all people.

Give them not hell, but hope and courage;
preach the kindness and
everlasting love of God.

