

## Conference Registration

**Until** May 1, 1999

*Individual:* \$40      *Couple:* \$65

*Student:* \$20

**After** May 1, 1999 or at the door

*Individual:* \$50      *Couple:* \$80

*Student:* \$25

Return form (check payable to *PFLAG*) to:

OGLBTC (M/C 369)

Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

1007 W Harrison 1180 BSB

Chicago, IL 60607

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if student:): \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I'd like to join a group for a post-conference dinner at Rico's at 5:30 (\$25/person – pay at the conference)
- I'll bring flyers, information, programs, handouts, for a *Share the Wealth Table*
- I need a limited income scholarship
- I need accommodations for a disability specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- I want to make a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_. for the conference scholarship fund.

A confirmation letter and map will be mailed to you prior to the conference.

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Chicago-area **PFLAG** &  
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present

# RENEWING & REDEEMING SOCIETY

Midwest Regional Conference  
June 5, 1999  
Chicago Circle Center  
750 S. Halsted

FEATURING  
KEYNOTE BY  
REV. JIMMY CREECH



You're invited to the 1999 PFLAG Midwest Regional Conference, sponsored by Chicago-area PFLAG and the University of



Illinois at Chicago's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Concerns. Our theme, "**Renewing & Redeeming Society,**"

heralds an exciting program of workshops and speakers!

Join us Saturday, June 5, 1999 at UIC. We will meet in the Chicago Circle Center, 750 S. Halsted (between Harrison and Taylor).

UIC is located just outside the "Loop" of downtown Chicago. The campus is easily accessible via car. Parking is available for

\$3.75 for the day in the parking



garage/lot across from the Chicago Circle Center. The CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) offers extensive

bus and "L" service to the campus. The Greyhound bus station and Amtrak station are relatively near campus.

#### Hotel Accommodations:

We have a block of discounted rooms reserved at **Quality Inn-Downtown** (just off I-90/94), 1 Midcity Plaza (at Halsted & Madison). To reserve a room, call (800) 228-



5151 or (312) 829-5000 and indicate you are with PFLAG. These rooms will be released May 5.

**Rates:** \$99 single/double; \$109 triple/quad

**Questions?** Please call 312-413-8619 or visit our website: <http://www.uic.edu/orgs/pflag/>



## Schedule

8:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:45 **Welcome Address: Paul Beeman, PFLAG National President**

9:15 **Keynote Address: Rev. Jimmy Creech**

10:30 **Choice of Workshops**

- ▼ Straight Spouses: The other side of the closet
- ▼ PFLAG Parents Go to School
- ▼ Multifaith panel: Exploring across Traditions
- ▼ Safety: How the Police Can Help You
- ▼ Regional Caucuses:  
Work with others in your region



12 noon **Luncheon and entertainment**

1:30 **Choice of Workshops**

- ▼ Exploring Transgender Issues: PFLAG Nat'l
- ▼ Speaking for Ourselves (Youth panel)
- ▼ Intersections of Race, Ethnicity and Sexual Orientation (panel)
- ▼ Reconciling Movements
- ▼ Sexual Orientation Cures: Politics & Ethics

3:00 **Choice of Workshops**

- ▼ Transgender Roundtable
- ▼ Making Schools Safe: PFLAG National
- ▼ Preventing Hate Crimes
- ▼ Lesbian Health
- ▼ The Political Arena
- ▼ Children's Museum diversity exhibit

4:30 **Closing: Paul Beeman**



5:30 **Dinner at Rico's, a local restaurant**  
(sign-up at the registration table)

*(This schedule is subject to change)*



Rev. Jimmy Creech

The increasingly volatile concept of "same-gender marriages" was spotlighted in the spring of '98 with the church trial of the Rev. Jimmy Creech. After conducting a covenanting ceremony for two women at his church, First United Methodist, in Omaha, Creech became the first United Methodist Church (UMC) pastor to face charges for violating a ban on gay unions. While a trial jury acquitted Creech, turmoil over same-sex covenants continues. Creech took a voluntary leave of absence when he was not reappointed to his pastorate by Bishop Joel Martinez. He returned to North Carolina and is not currently active in pastoral ministry.

Creech developed a reputation as a moral crusader after graduating from Duke Divinity School. In 1988, when six pastors joined Raleigh's first-ever Gay Rights March, Creech walked with them. While at Raleigh's Fairmont UMC, he helped to create the Raleigh Religious Network for Gay and Lesbian Equality, an ecumenical group working to publicly counter anti-gay religious rhetoric. In 1997, after a national search, Creech became senior pastor of Omaha's largest UMC congregation.

We are delighted to have Rev. Creech join us today to offer our keynote address.