

Church, Politics & Church Politics

- Same-sex marriage
- Don't Ask/Don't Tell
- Anti-bullying and hate crimes legislation
- The Employee Non-Discrimination Act
- Adoption by LGBT persons
- G-6.0106b

Which of these issues – or another issue – will be the one that demands our urgent response in the months and years ahead?

While acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people is at an all-time high, matters of equality and justice for the LGBT community have yet to be settled in either church or politics. But for how long? Is there an end in sight? And once equality is achieved in both church and civil law, will full inclusion of LGBT people be a reality?

Covenant Network of Presbyterians and St. Mark Presbyterian Church are privileged to host Rev. Dr. Mel White for an engaging and provocative weekend about LGBT issues in church and politics, and about our hope for the future.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians
2515 Fillmore St
San Francisco, CA 94115



CHURCH, POLITICS & CHURCH POLITICS: The Future of LGBT Issues

March 4th-6th, 2011
Newport Beach, CA

Covenant Network Southwest Regional Conference

General Info

Cost*

\$50 before 2/15
\$75 after 2/15
\$15 Students

Childcare*

RSVP by Noon 2/25
\$20 – 1st child
\$10 – each
additional child

*Scholarships available
Call (949) 644-1341

Hotel Accommodations

Marriott Newport Beach Bayview
500 Bayview Circle
Newport Beach, CA 92660
\$119.00 per night

Air Travel

Newport Beach is served by Orange
County/John Wayne Airport (SNA).

Los Angeles (LAX) and Long Beach (LGB)
Airports are within one hour away, and
sometimes offers more affordable fares.

REGISTER ONLINE AT COVNETPRES.ORG



Schedule

Friday – March 4th

7:00–9:00pm Opening Worship
Mary Lynn Tobin preaching.
Mel White speaking.

9:00–10:00pm Reception

Saturday – March 5th

8:00–9:00am Registration
8:30–9:00am Breakfast
9:00–9:20am Morning Prayer
9:20–9:30am Announcements
9:30–10:45am Mel White speaks & QA
10:45–11:00am Break
11:00–12:15pm Workshops
12:15–1:15pm Lunch
1:35–2:30pm Workshops
2:30–2:45pm Break
2:45–4:00pm Mel White speaks & QA
6:00–9:00pm BBQ (Open to all registrants)

Sunday – March 6th

9:00 & 10:30am Worship at St. Mark
Mel White preaching

Location

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

2200 San Joaquin Hills Rd.
Newport Beach, CA 92660
(949) 644-1341
www.stmarkpresbyterian.org

REVEREND DR. MEL WHITE

For 30 years, Mel White served the evangelical Christian community as a pastor, seminary professor, best-selling author, prize-winning filmmaker, communication consultant and ghostwriter to its most famous and powerful leaders, including Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, D. James Kennedy, and Pat Robertson. Then in April 1994, with the publication of his autobiography, *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay And Christian In America*, Mel came out of the closet to give hope and healing to other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Christians, to confront the misleading anti-gay rhetoric of the radical right, and to launch his own fight for justice and understanding for LGBT people.

Dr. White has since dedicated his life to a ministry of change, teaching the "soul force" principles of Gandhi and King, organizing people of faith to do justice, and confronting anti-gay religious leaders. "Until this nation accepts God's gay and lesbian children as full members of the human family," White explains, "we must go on telling that truth in love, whatever it costs us."



REVEREND MARY LYNN TOBIN



Mary Lynn Tobin holds a B. A. in religion and psychology, an M. A. in college student personnel administration, and an M. Div. (from San Francisco Theological Seminary). She is the pastor of Davis Community Church in Davis, California and is currently serving as co-moderator of the Covenant Network.