

“Debunking the Myths: Same-sex Attraction, Science and the Gospel”

Saturday 14th June, 2014 Ballynahinch Baptist, Northern Ireland 10.00 - 5.00

10.00 – 10.15	Tea/Coffee Registration	
10.15 – 10.30	Welcome, Opening Presentation and response	
<i>“There is no good evidence this works and we believe it has the potential to cause harm...” Conversion Therapy Consensus Statement, February 2014</i>		
10.30 – 11.00	Plenary 1	Dermot O’Callaghan “Strange bed-fellows: The Professional Mental Health Bodies and Campaigners - Stonewall and Pink Therapy” Considering the ‘Conversion Therapy Consensus Statement’ document and CIT Response
11.00 – 11.30		<i>“Let no one presume that ideology does not influence science. Within psychology today there are topics that are deemed politically incorrect and they are neither published nor funded”</i> (Former APA President Dr Nicholas Cummings DTMH p. xiv) Dr Christopher Rosik Licensed Clinical Psychologist, APA Member President: National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) KEYNOTE (1) “Scientific Integrity and the Issue of Harm: The Triumph of Advocacy over Science”
<i>“In this time of history, when gender and sexual confusion is reaching new heights in all aspects of public and private life, our network of ministries stands on the beauty of God’s life-giving Word...”</i> (RHN website)		
11.30 - 12.30	Plenary 2	Professor Robert Gagnon Associate Professor Pittsburgh Theological Seminary KEYNOTE (3) “The Myth of the Sexually Tolerant Jesus”
12.30- 1.00		<i>“it is time to deconstruct the myth of a sexually tolerant Jesus...sex mattered to Jesus...(he) did not broaden the range of acceptable sexual expression; he narrowed it”</i> (Gagnon) Andrea Minichiello Williams CEO Christian Legal Centre Keynote (4) “Protecting a Christian Voice in the Public Place”
1.00 – 1.30	LUNCH	
<i>“... it is not quite true that science has now discovered that homosexual impulses are given at birth, whether through genes or hormones or special homosexual brains. In fact, studies to date indicate that homoerotic impulses are not congenital. Rather, whatever contribution is made through genes, hormones or brain-wiring is largely indirect and subordinate to macro- and micro-cultural factors”.</i> (Gagnon)		
1.30 – 2.15	Plenary 3	Professor Robert Gagnon “Paul, homosexuality and the so-called ‘New Knowledge’ Arguments (Exploitation, Orientation , Misogyny)”
2.15 – 3.15	Breakout sessions (parallel)	
Dr Christopher Rosik <i>Defending client autonomy and therapeutic choice in California and New Jersey: Professional, political, and moral lessons</i>	Dr Mike Davidson <i>‘Using Psychodramatic Technique to access personal narrative</i>	Anne Paulk <i>My Story and Hopes for ‘Restored Hope Network’: holding hands internationally</i>
3.15-3.45	Tea/Coffee	
3.45 - 4.15	Panel	Anne Paulk CEO Restored Hope Network, Author KEYNOTE (2) “Filling the void: When professionals abandon (and pathologise) strugglers”
4.15 - 5.00	Epilogue	PANEL DISCUSSION : “The Role of the Church in an Age of Deception, Heresy and Apostasy” – are we a ‘Remnant’ or do we need ‘Revision’? Davidson, Gagnon, O’Callaghan, Paulk, Rosik.