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## AVEL DVDs & VIDEOS for AFFIRMING MINISTRIES



**We are not alone, we live in God's world...We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

This affirmation reminds us that we do not live in isolation on this planet. God created us for relationship and God calls us into relationship...Relationships bring joy, meaning and hope into our lives. We celebrate and give thanks for God's gift of loving relationship.

(from the study document "Of Love and Justice", page 24)

**Following are videos/DVDs for study and discussion. If you would like more information about these or other resources available from AVEL, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.**

**Also, see the Affirm United website. ([www.affirmunited.ca](http://www.affirmunited.ca)) The Affirming Ministries Programme Kit can be downloaded at <http://www.affirmunited.ca/AMinKitI0705.pdf>**

### **AFFIRMING CONGREGATIONS: THREE STORIES (DVD)**

The story of three United Church congregations who have made the choice to be Affirming Congregations - Centenary-Queen Square United in St. John, NB (10 minutes), Southminster-Steinhauer United in Edmonton, AB (10 mins), and Trinity United in Vancouver, BC (10 mins). 2006 DVD (31 mins) DC0046-3

Also available on **SPIRIT CONNECTION Nov. 12, 2006** - Contains two of the stories - Centenary-Queen Square United in St. John, NB and Southminster-Steinhauer in Edmonton. - and an interview with Anne Hines and Ron Coughlin. (28 minutes) on DVD DC0047 or video VC1136

**ALL MEANS ALL** A brief history of gay and lesbian oppression in society and the church with an overview of the history of The United Church's reports on human sexuality and sexual orientation. Viewers are invited to consider working to create an Affirming Congregation program in the local church. 1992 VHS (18 mins)

**ANYONE & EVERYONE** An intimate portrait of families from diverse backgrounds & various religious denominations who have a child who is gay. Parents talk about their struggles & their pain but above all their love for their child & how that has shaped their response. 2007 DVD (57 mins)

**CALL TO WITNESS** offers insights into the current struggles over sexuality within organized religion. This documentary tells the stories of three openly gay and lesbian Midwestern Lutheran pastors who have taken a stand against their own church and skillfully unpacks the contradictions within a church that supposedly welcomes lesbians and gay men, but at the same time, condemns them. 2000 VHS (59 mins)

**CASTING OUT FEAR** Produced by Affirmation United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns. A reconciling Congregation shows how members and clergy of the congregation came to the point of being a Reconciling congregation. 1988 VHS (37 mins)

**CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS** A dialogue with John Stott, Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church in London, England, and John Spong, Episcopal bishop, before an overflow crowd in Vancouver's Christ Church Cathedral. 1993 VHS (28 mins)

## **Affirming Ministries - continued**

**Conversation With Tim Stevenson** (from Pressure Point) Tim Stevenson, the first openly gay minister to be ordained in The United Church of Canada speaks of his life journey and development of his faith and spirituality. 1993 VHS (30 mins)

**EVE'S DAUGHTERS** Interviews with five lesbian women. 1995 VHS (29 mins)

**FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO** Profiles five Christian families who have a child who is gay and examines the anti-gay bias that is based upon a misinterpretation of the Bible. 2007 DVD (98 mins)

**FUNNY KINDA GUY** The story of the transition from female to male of transgendered singer-songwriter Simon de Voil. For additional information see <http://www.funnykindaguy.com/> 2005 DVD (70 mins)

**GAY & LESBIAN MARRIAGE CEREMONIES IN THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** A lecture by Professor John Boswell (Yale). 1988 VHS (58 mins)

**HOME: The Parable of Beatrice and Neal** Originally composed for the Reconciling Congregations Program of the United Methodist Church (USA), "Home" is an entertaining educational resource for discussions concerning the inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life of the church. A special performance for the Annual Meeting of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, June 1996. VHS (85 mins)

**IN OTHER WORDS** (from NFB's "*Celebrating Diversity*" series) Speaks directly to teens and offers a valuable tool to teachers, counsellors and community youth leaders who want to explore homophobic language - the words themselves, their origins, how young people feel about them, and how to overcome the hurt and anger they cause. For ages 13 and up. 2000 VHS (27 minutes)

Also from the "*Celebrating Diversity*" series is the video for grades 3 to 7, **STICKS & STONES** Children learn from subtle clues what society thinks about gender roles, same-sex parents and family differences. The children describe how it feels to be teased when their families don't follow traditional gender roles. They talk about why bullies indulge in name-calling, and what should be done about it. 2001 VHS (17 mins)

### **MAYBE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A DIFFERENT GOD - Homosexuality and the Church**

The calling of Jane Spahr, lesbian and ordained Presbyterian minister, which resulted in appeals to the highest courts of the Presbyterian Church. 1993 VHS (29 mins)

**ONE OF THEM** A group of teenagers is planning Human Rights Day at their high school. Some believe that homophobia should be included, alongside racism and sexism, as a form of prejudice and oppression. The dramatization prompts viewers to examine their own responses and promote a safe school environment for all students. For ages 13 and up. 2000 VHS (25 mins)

**OUT: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Youth** From the National Film Board of Canada. Part 1: highlights the relationships between the youth interviewed and their families. Part 2: focuses on what it is like to be lesbian or gay in our society. 1993 VHS (each part 20 mins)

### **SPIRIT CONNECTION: May 2/04: FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES MARRIAGE?**

A look at marriage through the eyes of three couples. (19 mins) Interview with Jackie Harper, Program Officer, Family Ministries, about same sex marriage and the print resource on marriage, PASSION & FREEDOM (6 mins) VHS & DVD (Note: This program was replayed on Oct. 31, 2004)

**SUNDAYSCOPE: Just Cause** A production of "Just Cause", a play by Scott Douglas. It is followed by a panel discussion about different kinds of committed relationships. 1999 VHS (30 mins)

**THAT'S A FAMILY!** Children from various family configurations describe their family activities, and explain the meaning of word(s) that relate to their situation (e.g. "guardian", "divorce", "lesbian", "adoption"). They talk about other people's reactions to their family unit, and their own feelings about what people say. But they all agree that a family is "people who love each other and take care of each other". An extensive discussion/teaching guide is provided by the producers of the video. 2000 VHS (35 mins)

### **YOUR MOM'S A LESBIAN, HERE'S YOUR LUNCH; HAVE A GOOD DAY AT SCHOOL**

The Rev. Jane Adams Spahr, her sons, family & former husband are interviewed. 1996 VHS (26 mins)