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CRH NEWSLETTER

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SIR-CRH TO SPONSOR JOINT CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

For the fourth year in a row CRH is involved in assisting members of the homosexual community in the Bay Area to find out where candidates for various state, local and national offices stand on the issue of equal rights for homosexuals.

In joint sponsorship with the Society for Individual Rights, Candidate's Night will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, at the SIR Center, 83 Sixth St.

Everyone who cares about the rights of American citizens is urged to attend.

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CRH OCTOBER SEMINAR

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a brochure announcing the CRH Seminar on "The Homosexual Life Style." To insure the success of this ambitious project CRH needs the help of everyone!

If you know of persons who should receive this brochure, please let us know. If you want additional copies of the brochure, please let us know. You can contact Phyllis Lyon, CRH vice president, by calling 771-6300 days, or by mail. We would like to have as wide a distribution of this brochure as possible.

Contributions to CRH to help defray cost of mailing, etc., will be most gratefully received. *AND . . . if you haven't yet become a member of CRH, fill out the enclosed membership blank, add \$5, and mail . . .*

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"GUINEA PIG" NEEDED

We would like to take the case of a person who has been fired or refused employment because of his or her homosexuality to court. The Human Rights Commission of San Francisco believes it has no authority to handle cases of homosexual discrimination. CRH doesn't agree! We would like to push this through the courts and vindicate our position. If you can help, call or write CRH.

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PICNIC/MEETING SUCCESS

The picnic at White Retreat in July was a great success. The food was fantastic, the weather lovely, and Dr. Paul Gebhard sparked a most stimulating discussion session. We are most grateful to Rev. Herb Allen for his efforts in making all the arrangements.

ORIENTATIONS COMMITTEE SPEAKS OUT

Rick Stokes, CRH Board member, recently spoke before the Sacramento Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security. His talk was very well received, written up in the organization's Newsletter, and the tape of the meeting made available to other persons who could not be present.

CRH has received an invitation (which was accepted) to present a panel on homosexuality to the 1969 State Convention of the California Personnel and Guidance Association next February in Anaheim.

CRH President Charles Lewis spoke to a meeting of Roman Catholic sociologists in Boston the end of August.

Activities like the above are only a part of the work CRH does in reaching out to the public to "tell it like it is" about homosexuality. If you want to be a part of this most important program, let us know. Most of the calls our Orientations Committee receives are for small discussion groups held on an informal basis. You don't have to be a public speaker to participate. The Committee most especially needs women.

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH CRH

"The Challenge and Progress of Homosexual Law Reform" . . . . .	\$1.00
"Churchmen Speak Out on Homosexual Law Reform" . . . . .	.25
"The Church and the Homosexual" by Rev. Donald Kuhn . . . . .	1.00
"A Brief of Injustices--an indictment of our society in its treatment of the homosexual" . . . . .	1.00
"Homosexuality: A Contemporary View of the Biblical Perspective" by The Rev. Robert L. Treese . . . . .	.60
"Social Progress," a Presbyterian magazine dealing with homosexuality and "Social Action," published by the United Church of Christ, dealing with homosexual civil liberties . . . . .	1.00
"The Armed Services and Homosexuality" . . . . .	.50
"CRH: 1964/1968" . . . . .	.50
"Some Facts About Lesbians" and "Some Comparisons Between Male and Female Homosexuals," a reprint . . . . .	1.50
"The Lesbian in Literature," a bibliography . . . . .	2.25

Please add 5% sales tax in California.

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DON'T FORGET --

CRH-SIR Candidate's Night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 18.

Join CRH today!

Help publicize the October Seminar.

Volunteer for the Orientations Committee.

GOALS AND PURPOSES

The Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc.  
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OBJECTIVE: To promote continuing dialogue between the religious community and homosexuals.

1. To orient members of religious communities (both lay persons and clergy) on aspects of homosexuality (i.e., physical, economic, legal, emotional, etc.) in accordance with homosexual testimony and available scientific data.
2. To encourage members of the religious communities to provide opportunities for homosexuals of both sexes to present their views of homosexuality to various religious organizations.
3. To open up channels of communication so members of the religious communities may engage in dialogue with homosexuals in order to bring about new and deeper understandings of sexuality, morality, ethical behavior, and the life of religious faith.
4. To study systematically the deeper dynamics of authentic human relationships from biblical, theological and social science perspectives.
5. To engage in research which will further understanding of homosexuality within the larger framework of the present sexual revolution.
6. To enlist the aid of religious publications and other media in working toward a broadened editorial policy including more accurate and objective articles on homosexuality.
7. To provide an effective voice throughout the nation in matters of laws, policies and penal reforms governing adult sexual behavior.
8. To help professional people (clergymen, social workers, etc.) working in mental health and counseling fields to understand better their role in dealing with problems of human sexuality in our society with special reference to young people.
9. To instigate the formation of similar councils on religion and the homosexual in other areas of the nation and the world.

MEMBERSHIP BLANK

I believe in the work of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc. Enclosed is my \$5 membership fee. (Checks may be made payable to CRH if desired.)

I am 21 years of age or older:      SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in working on one or more of the following committees:

Orientations \_\_\_\_\_ Theology \_\_\_\_\_ Publications \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Informational material on homosexuality available from--

THE COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND THE HOMOSEXUAL, INC.  
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

*The Challenge and Progress of Homosexual Law Reform.* The definitive work on the need for reform of laws dealing with homosexuality and the status of such law reform in the various states.....\$1.00

*Churchmen Speak Out on Homosexual Law Reform*.....25c

ALSO AVAILABLE

*The Church and the Homosexual* by The Rev. Donald Kuhn. Reports on the consultation between clergymen and homosexuals which preceded formation of CRH. Extensive bibliography.....\$1.00

*A Brief of Injustices--an indictment of our society in its treatment of the homosexual.* Details the findings of a group of San Francisco clergymen who delved into the legal, economic and social inequities suffered by the homosexual. Applicable to all communities.....\$1.00

*Homosexuality: A Contemporary View of the Biblical Perspective* by The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Treese, Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Boston University School of Theology.....50c\*

SPECIAL---The December issues of *Social Progress*, published by The United Presbyterian Church, and *Social Action*, published by the United Church of Christ, both dealing with homosexuality. *Social Progress* covers the subject in general while *Social Action* discusses "Civil Liberties and Homosexuality." Both these important issues only.....\$1.00

A reprint of two research studies done by the Daughters of Bilitis, Inc., and published in *THE LADDER, a Lesbian Review*, in September, 1959 and September, 1960. The studies reveal "Some Facts About Lesbians" and "Some Comparisons Between Male and Female Homosexuals.".....\$1.50

*The Lesbian in Literature*, a Bibliography.....\$2.00\*\*

Please add 5% sales tax to all California orders.

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\*\*Please add 25c to cover cost of postage and handling.

The Council on Religion and the Homosexual also has available copies of publications, papers, bibliographies, etc., issued by the various homophile organizations. We will be pleased to send you a selection of these on request, but would appreciate 30c to cover the cost of postage and handling.

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