

## **WE HAVE FAITH:**

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender  
Clergy and People of Faith Speak Out*



A Touring Photo-Text Exhibit that You Can Bring to Your House of Worship, Seminary, College, Conference, Community

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*Groundbreaking new photo-text exhibit  
from Family Diversity Projects comes to [VENUE OR CITY]*

[CITY, STATE] - [VENUE AND LOCATION] is excited to host the groundbreaking new photo-text exhibit, ***WE HAVE FAITH: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clergy and People of Faith Speak Out***, from [OPENING DATE] through [CLOSING DATE]. [ANY NEEDED INFO, EX. TIME, FREE TO THE PUBLIC, ETC.]

[INDIVIDUAL EVENT INFORMATION, SUCH AS, AN OPENING, A FILM SCREENING, ETC., AND DETAILS OF THAT EVENT, SUCH AS SPEAKERS, PANEL, ETC.]

**WE HAVE FAITH** breaks stereotypes of religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity by featuring interviews and photographs of renowned LGBT and allied clergy and people of faith. **WE HAVE FAITH** was launched in October, 2012 in six cities nationwide, and will be traveling over the coming years to houses of worship, seminaries, colleges, schools, denominational gatherings, and conferences.

Don't miss **WE HAVE FAITH** during its stay at [VENUE] from [OPENING DATE] through [CLOSING DATE]!

We are delighted to show **WE HAVE FAITH** at our [VENUE OR GROUP NAME]. [A SPECIFIC LINE ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL VENUE, FOR EXAMPLE: "X VENUE is at the crossroads of progressive theology and will be the ideal place to display an exhibit that we believe everyone needs to see.]

"We knew that photographs of and interviews with LGBT and allied faith leaders who support LGBT inclusion and marriage equality would be a powerful sign of hope to many people," said Peggy Gillespie, exhibit interviewer and Co-Founder/Director of Family Diversity Projects, a non-profit organization based in Amherst, MA. "So much of the destructive and vocal homophobia and transphobia is faith-based, so we wanted to present the pro-LGBT side of the faith world."

**WE HAVE FAITH** is the seventh exhibit created by journalist Peggy Gillespie and photographer Gigi Kaeser of Family Diversity Projects (FDP) - the same team that created the award-winning traveling exhibits **LOVE MAKES A FAMILY: Portraits of LGBT People and their Families** (also a coffee table book), **PIONEERING VOICES: Portraits of Transgender People**, and **IN OUR FAMILY: Portraits of All Kinds of Families**. All of FDP's exhibits combat bullying and prejudice, and portray the deep beauty of the wide range of human diversity. Their mission is to make the world a safer place for ALL people.

Portraits in **WE HAVE FAITH** include Bishop Gene Robinson, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Rev. Rebecca Voelkel, Rev. Dr. Dennis Wiley, Rev. Dr. Christine Wiley, Rabbi Steve Greenberg, Imam Daayiee Abdullah, Rabbi Sarah Meytin, Rev. Darlene Garner, Rev. Candy Holmes, Rev. Jane Spahr, Pastor Bradley Schmeling, Rev. Harry Knox, and New Yorkers: Rev. Pat Bumgardner, Rev. Boon Lin Ngeo, Rev. Karpen, Tina

Richerson, Rev. Ann Kansfield, Rev. Jennifer Aull, and Macky Alston, director of the new documentary **Love Free or Die** about Bishop Gene Robinson.

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For more information, to secure high-resolution photos, or to schedule interviews with Peggy Gillespie or Gigi Kaeser, please email [info@familydiv.org](mailto:info@familydiv.org) or call 413.256.1611 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm EST.