

Scholarships

In memory and honor of Irwin Phelps, a scholarship fund exists which helps pay the costs of attending conference for those in need of that support, such as students and those living on fixed incomes.

To apply for a scholarship, write to the *Conference Chairman, Affirmation 2000 Conference, P.O. Box 77504, Washington, DC 20013* or by e-mail to wot3@aol.com.

Explain why you should be granted the scholarship and include at least one reference within Affirmation, preferably your local chapter director, whom we can contact to verify your information.

Scholarships will range from 50% to 100% of the registration fee, but will not include funds for travel or lodging. You will be notified of the outcome of your request and will need to register using the regular registration form.

Sharing a Room

Another way of bringing more people to the conference, and in addition to being hospitable, is to share rooms with each other. Sharing a room with one other person provides an immediate 50% savings. Because some people won't know anyone else who is attending the conference and who is also looking for a roommate - the conference committee is offering their services as matchmakers. Just register for the conference as usual, but check the box to request information on the roommate referral service. You will be contacted, in the manner you request (add a note), and requested to provide more information. When other requests are made, those people will be given your (authorized) contact information and you can make your own decisions. Just keep us informed of the outcome so we can take you off the list (or leave you on).

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Conference Hotline

Have an urgent question about the conference? Need something simple answered quickly to aid your planning? **Call 703-370-6269** and leave your question and phone number and your question will be answered promptly. Should your call not be returned within 48 hours - you will get a \$10.00 discount off your conference registration!



Affirmation
Conference 2000

October 6-8, 2000
Washington, D.C.





The fountain at Historic Dupont Circle.

The Washington, DC Chapter of Affirmation invites you join us **October 6-8, 2000** for Affirmation's first-ever conference on the East Coast. This is sure to be a most memorable conference that will include tours of DC's fabulous museums and monuments—sights and places that you've always wanted to see—our nation's capitol: the most powerful city in the world! Visit the Capitol, the White House, The Smithsonian, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, and the Holocaust Museum—all within walking distance of our conference hotel headquarters on Thomas Circle in Washington's historic (and safe!) business district. Register online at www.affirmation.org.

Accommodations

The annual Affirmation conference is workshops and speakers, devotionals and entertainment, banquets and dancing - but you'll need to a place to lay your weary head when the fun ends, so be sure and make your hotel reservations soon!

Please remember, that the conference registration fee does not register you at the hotel, nor does it include the cost of the room.

Call the **Washington Plaza Hotel** directly at **1-800-424-1140** to reserve your room at Affirmation's special rate of \$99.00 for single or double occupancy and \$109.00 for triple or quad occupancy. Some suites are available, but only at the prevailing rate. When making your reservation, you must refer to **Group # 7758 - Affirmation, Gay & Lesbian Mormons**. Affirmation has room blocks reserved from October 5-8, 2000, but the rate will be honored before and after that, as space allows. Room tax in Washington, D.C. is 14.5%. This special rate **ends September 5, 2000**.

Please book your rooms as soon as you can, so we can get an idea of our attendance. By staying at the hotel hosting the conference, you are helping support the conference financially. The meeting space costs will be waived if a certain minimum number of rooms are booked, saving Affirmation \$2,000.00. A higher anticipated booking also will allow us to negotiate better catering rates. You won't find a better deal in Washington, DC than this one - and it is so much more convenient and fun to stay in one spot. The conference organizers have also arranged for a full time hospitality suite which is actually a party room that can hold nearly 100 people - so you can relax and visit with your fellow conference goers even if you don't like going out! Don't wait - call now!

About the Hotel

The Washington Plaza Hotel, built in the 1960's, is situated between the Washington Mall, — location of the renowned Smithsonian museums and the major DC monuments — and Dupont Circle, the heart of gay DC.



Exterior

Room

Host to a Kennedy Inaugural Ball shortly after its completion, the Washington Plaza is presently being renovated by architect Morris Lapidus, (famed for the Fontainebleu Miami Beach) to reflect a carefree and classy 60's retro style. It offers 340 guest rooms and private meeting spaces.

Keynote Speaker



Our Keynote speaker is Andrew Sullivan with a presentation entitled "Marriage - Why We Can't Wait."

Andrew is a senior editor at The New Republic, a magazine he edited from 1991 to 1996, and the U.S. columnist for the Sunday Times of London. He holds a B.A. in modern history and modern languages from Oxford University and a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Conference Schedule

Friday, October 6

Registration, Early Bird Walking Tours of DC, Country & Western Social Mixer

Saturday, October 7

Workshops 10:00am - 12:30pm (two tracks), Gamofite Luncheon, Womyn's Session, Six hours FREE TIME to sightsee - organized & individual, Keynote Speaker Andrew Sullivan and Live Entertainment

Sunday, October 8

Devotional Session, Farewell Luncheon & Awards, Post Conference Sightseeing

Monday, October 9

Stay an extra day and visit!

Getting Here

Getting to conference this year should be relatively easy. There are three airports in the area: **Reagan Washington National**, 4 miles away and readily accessible via the subway (note the hotel is 3/10 of a mile from the closest subway stop), **Dulles Airport** - 25 miles away with a direct bus to downtown about 3-4 blocks from the hotel for \$16.00 one way, and the **Baltimore-Washington Int'l Airport** at Baltimore - about 33 miles away but accessible by Amtrak (or commuter rail at some hours) to DC and then the subway to the hotel.

The conference committee is pleased to announce that **US Airways** is the official carrier for the 2000 Affirmation Conference. US Airways has more flights into to the Washington, DC metro area than any other airline and flies to most cities with Affirmation chapters.

Travel to Washington, DC between October 3 and 12, 2000, on US Airways, US Airways Shuttle, US Airways Express or MetroJet will be discounted 5-15% depending on the situation, from the normal fares. Also, for every 35 tickets purchased on our account, US Airways will donate one round trip ticket for use in the U.S. within the next year. To obtain the conference discount, you must call US Airways Group and Meeting Reservation Office at **(877) 874-7687** between 8:00am and 9:30pm EST and refer to **Gold File number 29621417**. This is a toll free call. You may also call the Conference Travel Advisor, **Bleu Verschoor**, at **(602) 906-1392** between 4:30 - 9:30pm PST, and he can advise you or book your flight on US Airways. Bleu has offered to donate 10% of any commissions he receives from US Airways to Affirmation.

One last travel tip: although the hotel has a parking garage, the rates are high (\$15 a day) to park there and street parking is extremely limited. So, rental cars are discouraged. Besides, the hotel is only 5 blocks from DuPont Circle and is close to restaurants, theaters, and nightclubs. Even the Mall is only one mile away and there are three subway (metro) stops within a few blocks. So relax and go urban!