



Changing Attitude Ireland

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Changing Attitude Ireland launched

Changing Attitude Ireland was founded on 1st August 2007. According to CA Ireland Committee member Revd. Charles Kenny, "There has been less dialogue in Ireland than in England about same-sex matters but we believe that people are ready to learn more about the issues".

CA Ireland has already organized talks, called "Listening to gay Christians", for the benefit of clergy rural deaneries and other church groups.

"The response by clergy and lay persons to our initiative has so far been encouraging. There is a growing awareness that gays and lesbians need to be welcomed in their local churches".

CA Ireland is an all-Ireland organization and its Committee includes representatives from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. While based around members of the Church of Ireland, it is sensitive to the particular importance of ecumenical co-operation in Ireland and also welcomes persons from other denominations.

CA Ireland is delighted to include among its patrons Very Revd. Victor Griffin, the retired Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. Dean Griffin is well known in Ireland for his trenchant criticism of sectarianism and his active support for civil liberties.

Changing Attitude Ireland is a network of people, gay and straight, lay and ordained working for the full affirmation of gay and lesbian Christians within the Church of Ireland.

It advocates that the Church of Ireland fully accepts, welcomes and offers equality of opportunity to lesbian and gay people, including the ordination of partnered lesbian and gay clergy and the blessing of same-sex relationships in church using an authorised liturgy.

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OFMDFM grant

In January 2008 a grant to develop its work for equality was obtained by CA Ireland from Northern Ireland's Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

Gay clergy in the C of I

An article titled "Visibility and Listening: Gay Clergy in the Church of Ireland" by Revd. Mervyn Kingston will be published in the June issue of *Search, a Church of Ireland Theological Journal* Vol.31 number 2 Summer 2008 (APCK).

Church of Ireland confirms equality on pensions for civil partners

Changing Attitude Ireland welcomes the confirmation by the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Board that Civil Partners will have the same pension rights in the Fund as surviving spouses.

A spokesperson for Changing Attitude Ireland expressed the wish that the Irish government would match the commitment of

the Church of Ireland to social justice and end its discrimination against same-sex couples in the Republic. Changing Attitude Ireland called on the Irish government to legislate for equal treatment between civil partners and spouses in both state and private occupational pension schemes.

Civil partnership for same sex couples has been available in Northern Ireland since December 2005.

Changing Attitude Ireland has called on the Irish government to provide in the forthcoming legislation on civil partnership no less equality for gays and lesbians in the Republic than that already available in Northern Ireland.



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“Living Sexuality & Spirituality Positively”

Dr. Andrew Yip, University of Nottingham

Saturday 18th October 2008

14.15hrs.

Preceded by Holy Communion 13.30-14.00

15.15 Coffee

15.30 – 16.30 A G M

**at St. George’s Parish Church
High Street Belfast**

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