

Sparrow



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Sparrow is a group of Gay and Straight Christians dedicated to living out themselves and promoting whenever and whenever possible the spirit of the Gospel injunction, "Can you not buy five sparrows for two pennies? And yet not one is forgotten in God's sight .... you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows." Luke 12,6-8.

-- We believe and maintain that like all Gospel statements and invitations the above words of affirmation are directed at all men and women of good will regardless of any distinction, including that of affectional sexual orientation.

-- We are convinced that this affirmation read in the Bible, God's Holy Word, is experienced in the coming together of the Christian Community, the church, and so our first purpose is to gather in the name of Jesus Christ to proclaim our faith in his presence among us and sustain that faith in one another.

-- We are further convinced that God's people, individually and gathered together in historic churches have not always been willing, or able, to extend that affirming word to those who wish to proclaim themselves Christians but who, at the same time, and with a spirit of integrity, affirm themselves to be peacefully and joyfully Gay. Hence it is also our aim to promote study and development of the Christian sexual ethic with regard to homosexuality and in particular to bring to that process of search the input of homosexuals themselves.

-- We speak a word of peace and unity to all our Christian brothers and sisters acknowledging wherever it applies the priority of each of our members participation in one or other of the various Christian traditions. Yet we ourselves meet in simplicity for prayer and discussion in a non-denominational way, hoping for that gift of unity among all Christians for which Jesus Himself prayed.

-- We recognize that the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and love, is to be striven for even here and now and so we are committed to the struggle for the liberation from injustice of the gay community. However we do not wish to duplicate efforts in this regard so we encourage our membership to active participation in the movement of Gay Liberation through whatever channels are available locally. We further resolve to bring to those same channels whenever possible or necessary the witness of Christian concern.

The Sparrow seems a likely title and logo for our Community since it is a common and unassuming bird, yet its Evangelical selection for teaching on simplicity and human dignity speak directly to us, and hopefully to our fellow Christians in all churches, of the simple trust we place in this experience, in Jesus, the Christ.