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### ***“Homosexuality and the Bible Workshops”***

Accounts of creation in Genesis, the Biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah, the first chapter of Romans – what do these passages all have in common? One answer is that these Biblical passages (and others) have been used by some to “clobber” LGBTQ people.

If you'd like to learn about different scholarly interpretations of these passages plus explore passages about God's unconditional love, then you might be interested in the 3-part workshop *“Homosexuality & the Bible”* on Thursday evenings July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and July 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The workshop location will be announced. It is open to persons of any (or no) religious background.

Rev. Mike Underhill, formerly director of the LGBTQ Religious Studies Center at Chicago Theological Seminary in Chicago, will facilitate the workshop. Mike is currently pastor of Nexus Church of Hamilton, Ohio, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Campus Ministry Center at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Biblical topics covered include:

1. Genesis 1: 7-day account of creation)
2. Genesis 2: Adam & Eve account of creation
3. Leviticus 18: “Abomination”
4. Genesis 19: Story of Sodom
5. Romans 1
6. 1 Corinthians & 1 Timothy
7. Isaiah's and Jesus' teachings about eunuchs
8. Story of Ruth and Naomi
9. Story of Jonathan and David

There is no charge for the workshop and is open to everyone. Please contact Pastor Mike Underhill for more information and to register to attend this workshop.



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