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Sisterly Conversations Coming Out: A Life-long Process in Faith

VIRGINIA MOLLENKOTT AND MARY HUNT

Sept 6-8, 2013

Fri 6:30 dinner thru Sun lunch Program \$355

esbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Women of Faith and our allies gather together to discuss the many challenges, joys, and complexities of coming out—not only revealing our sexual and/or gender identities but also our various unexpected coming outs, our caretaker and disability issues, our family issues, and justice support/work in openness. We will touch on how "out" we dare to be about global justice issues like drones, opposing churchly violence against women and other minorities, end of life issues, opposing the current re-emergence of patriarchy, and many others.

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott's presentation on "Coming Out as Embodiments of God Herself: Why is it so Difficult?" and Mary E. Hunt's presentation on "Being Out, Being Adult, and Being Spiritual" will keynote the event. Participants will field three panel discussions. Penny Gnesin and Sue Fulton will lead spirited singing. There will be ample free time as well as a Saturday night alcohol-free party with talent sharing. Several brief prayer times led by a special committee will ground the weekend. BK Hipsher will lead the concluding worship and preach. Everyone will be involved in plenary discus-

sion, small groups, or one-on-one conversations. During free time participants may choose to attend a 12-step meeting, a Catholic Caucus, private time with Virginia or Mary, or a number of other activities. The party will include a film of Sue and Penny's "wedding of the year" at the Cadet Chapel at West Point. Participants who wish to discuss specific matters of their choice may gather at themed tables during lunch. Sharon Miller will be our weekend MC, and Emily Pfizenmeyer our disc jockey.

Come join your sisters in a weekend celebration of what has evolved into a year-round support group with its own active Google list! All women are welcome.

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, a progressive Protestant and founder of Sisterly Conversations, is the author of 13 books and many articles concerning feminist theology, LGBT issues, and liberating biblical interpretation.

Mary E. Hunt, co-founder of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual is a prolific author, frequent guest-lecturer, and Catholic feminist activist for justice.

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