

Dear Pastor,

Emmaus Ministries -- working along side the Exodus network helping people out of homosexuality -- is engaged in the struggle to return America and the West to sexual sanity. We believe that the Church of God is the key to victory. But apathy and ignorance of the facts have kept Christians from effective witness to the demonstrable truth of Biblical principles.

On the evidence, the struggle for sexual sanity should be one of the most easily winnable battles the Church has ever fought. All of the empirical evidence, *all of it*, is on the side of Biblical morality. But Christians have been disabled by their own fears, and by ignorance of the deceitful strategy being used against them. It is point for point the same strategy used in communist and other totalitarian nations to control the thinking of the population and to disable dissidents.

The homosexual advocates win victories because so few knew how to respond to homosexualist claims to being "compassionate" and "inclusive". Christians have not understood how to show that God holds the moral high ground -- by a wide margin. We have been cleverly shamed into silence.

The homosexual lifestyle, demonstrated from easily available medical and psychological evidence, is a compulsive and lethal addiction. We must reshape the public debate about compassion and inclusiveness -- because it is not compassionate to encourage people, young or old, into behavior which will get them in trouble with God, or drastically shorten their lifespan.

Many, perhaps most, of those struggling with homosexuality were raised in a Christian church. But when they went to their church for help, they were met with fear and anxiety, leading to a sense of rejection and misunderstanding on the part of the struggler.

So they went (no surprise) to the place

where they could find acceptance -- the homosexual community. The Church must repent and reach out to those seeking honest and Godly help.

Emmaus Ministries is dedicated to helping pastors equip themselves and their congregations to do three things:

1. strengthen churches in their ministry to their own "straight" people in sex and gender issues,
2. minister forgiveness and healing to those who desire to come out of homosexuality, and
3. equip Christians to respond in the public arena from the Biblical perspective on matters of public policy.

A solidly Biblical training of our children in general gender and sex issues might be the most powerful thing we could do to strengthen the Church of God for the 21st century. It would *transform* the child-raising process.

St. Paul tells us to "be transformed in the renewal of your minds", and therapy for homosexual persons is sometimes called "transformational" therapy. Hence **THE TRANSFORMING NETWORK OF CHURCHES.**

Join us in creating an informal interdenominational network of *TRANSFORMING* churches, reaching out and ministering to homosexual strugglers with true and saving compassion, and to the community with sound public policy.

Your Role in the "TRANSFORMING NETWORK"

Participating in the *TRANSFORMING NETWORK* can proceed as local circumstances dictate, making information available to helping strugglers walk into wholeness or reaching out into public policy issues -- such as:

1. Placing brochures in your tract rack or notices in your Sunday bulletin;
2. Financial support for local Exodus ministries;
3. Preaching on Biblical understanding of human sexuality;
4. Building a library of helpful materials;
5. Having Emmaus or Exodus ministry staff or graduates come for teaching and testimony;
6. Video programs explaining the homosexual issues;
7. Developing a mentoring program with mature and healthy married couples or men's or women's groups who will befriend and pray with those who struggle with sexual issues, introducing them to church members and resources;
8. Development of a church counseling program for sexual strugglers';
9. Involvement in the public arena with public policy issues;
10. Setting up a billboard or newspaper ads advertising the possibility of coming out of the homosexual lifestyle.

Sound bytes slogans will not win the battle -- only prayer and study -- leading to action.

Churches can get very creative in inventing graceful ways to reach out to those in need. The ex-homosexual ministry today is a prime area for the evangelism of western culture. The world is awash with sexual sin, confusion, and idolatry. The church that offers forgiveness and healing has a ready harvest of souls. Many persons caught in same-sex attractions would leap to get out if they knew there were knowledgeable and loving communities who would help them.

Could someone struggling out of homosexuality come to you for help?

We would ask that someone be appointed as our person to contact, who would monitor the program locally, keep brochures in abundant supply, and oversee other aspects of the program which the church would want to adopt.

Our Role

Emmaus works along side of the Exodus international network of Christian ministries helping people exit the bondage of homosexual desires and relationships. Exodus was begun about 25 years ago by Christians who found that, under the law and grace of God, they could indeed leave sexual sin and brokenness. The network has grown to over 150 ministries worldwide.

But, as Exodus says, the ex-homosexual ministries need to work themselves out of a job by passing on this skill and knowledge to pastors and churches. God raises up parachurch ministries when the Church at large drops the ball. The Church has failed over several centuries adequately to address sexuality issues, so Christians are rarely able to respond to the aggressive secular/pagan homosexual/pansexual agenda. Healing for sexual addiction of all sorts needs to find its rightful home in local church ministries. Hence, our three-point program for the Transforming Network:

Firstly, ministry in sexuality must be undergirded by the Biblical understanding of human sexuality for *all* persons.

Emmaus offers training in these issues. The foundation is our "*Man and Woman in the Image of God*" series, illustrating the stunningly beautiful heterosexual plan of God for the human race, and how our gender nature is not merely incidental, but part and parcel of the plan of God for salvation.

We also offer "*Human Sexuality: the Secular Debacle*", illustrating the secular pan-sexuality being taught by law across America. These two presentations raise up clear standards for health and holiness by which to judge brokenness and sin. They are available on 2-hour videos, or can be taught in person.

Secondly, we have resources focusing specifically on homosexual issues, many produced by persons who have successfully come out of the homosexual condition. All of these are excellent training tools for church-related ministry

As mentors and counselors are raised up locally, they will be able to provide a firm but loving context in which to help walk strugglers through areas of weakness and temptation, holding them accountable for their behavior, and, where necessary, making referrals to TCM or other available resources.

Thirdly, in our current climate hostile to Biblical Christianity, programs reaching out to homosexual strugglers might generate critical responses. We must have a compelling and graceful explanation to the non-Christian (and sometimes Christian) public as to why Christians are committed to helping persons exit homosexuality

Emmaus and the Exodus ministries stand ready with very adequate resources to teach church members how to present the case for Biblical sexuality in the public arena. All of the empirical evidence stands squarely on the side of Biblical morality. God and science are

not at odds. We need only do our homework, learn the facts, and present them gracefully and persistently to begin to turn the tide back toward a Christian America -- because there is no area in which the law and grace of God are not demonstrably superior in all respects to any substitutes.

This is nowhere more apparent than in sexuality. The empirical evidence gives us a picture of terrible self-destruction in the

homosexual lifestyle, so that only a malicious God would deliberately create persons addicted to same sex relationships. The Gospel of Jesus Christ tells of a God who loves us with the truth -- at any cost to

Himself. We are to go and do likewise. It will require Christians with courage and determination to stand for truth -- at any cost to ourselves.

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Emmaus is thus offering to churches support and training for those who are called to such a ministry. Not even the whole Exodus network can do the job. The key to victory in sexual sanity is the Church of God. It is a winnable battle. We hope that you will agree and become a part of the Transforming Network.

Faithfully in Christ,
Earle Fox

DAY-LONG SEMINAR

- I. Who belongs in this debate???
- II. What *is* the Biblical view of Sex???
- III. Do Christians *Have* an Agenda???
- IV. What Happens When *Christian* Agenda Meets "*Gay*" Agenda???
- V. How Do People Get Healed of Sexual Addiction?
- VI. What Can My Church Do???

To have this seminar at your church, contact **Emmaus Ministries**.

Emmaus Ministries

- specializes in Christian apologetics, teaching Christians and others how the Biblical answer to life's problems is by a wide margin the most reasonable way of life. *God holds the intellectual, moral, and cultural high ground.*
- is on the front lines of the sexuality epidemic in America and the West, promoting materials which can stand in any honest arena -- or create one where that is lacking.

To be put on our mailing list, to receive a brochure of available materials, or for a packet of materials on the homosexual and other sexual issues, see contact info on front panel.

The president, the Rev. Earle Fox, completed a year of clinical training in two mental hospitals, a city prison, and a general hospital, and then earned his doctorate in the relation between science and theology from Oxford University in 1964. He taught for three years at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and pastored a church in East Haddam, Connecticut for ten years. He has published *Biblical Inner Healing*, on the Christian view of emotional healing, and has been extensively involved in sexuality issues in the Church. Since 1989, he has lectured at numerous Exodus and other conferences on the healing of sexual addiction, and for two and a half years was director of Transformation Christian Ministries in the Washington, DC, metro area, helping people out of homosexuality. In May of 2001, he returned to Emmaus Ministries to bring his training seminar to churches in the Washington, DC area and elsewhere.

Allied Ministries

Exodus -- A network of over 100 Christian ex-homosexual ministries. <http://www.exodus-international.org/>

Regeneration -- Two Exodus affiliates -- (1) POB 9830, Baltimore, MD 21284 410 661-0284 (excellent bookstore); (2) POB 1034, Fairfax, VA 22030 703 591-4673

PFOX (Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays) -- Support group for friends and relatives of homosexual strugglers. 703 360-9448

NARTH (National Assn. for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality) -- 16542 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436 818 789-4440

Courage -- (Roman Catholic) Call Fr. Morrow in DC at 202 775-8247

Transforming Congregations - (Methodist, Lutheran) POB 7146, Penndel, PA 19047 www.transformingcong.org

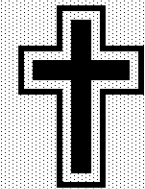
One by One - (Presbyterian) POB 1005, Rochester, NY 14610 716 482-1991 www.oneby1.org

Jonah - (Jewish) POB 313, Jersey City, NJ 07303 Rabbi Sam Rosenberg.

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<http://theroadtoemmaus.org/EM/cntctus.htm>