

"In confrontation, we each have too much to lose, in dialogue, we all have so much to gain".  
Jim Cotter

# Marriage Equality! What It Means & Why Does It Matter?

Join Us Saturday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, for:

## **Discovery V** Marriage Equality - Panel Discussion

### Rev. Laurie Crely

Rev. Laurie Crely was born and raised in Minnesota. She received her undergraduate degree with honors from North Central Bible College specializing in Cross-cultural Studies and served two years as a missionary/evangelist in Germany. She received her Masters of Divinity at United Theological Seminary in 2001. Rev. Laurie comes from a diverse religious background which includes Roman Catholic, Jesus People Church, Assemblies of God and the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Laurie is a founding member and acting Co-Chair of the Faith Family Fairness Alliance. She is also an ordained United Church of Christ Minister serving as associate minister in a local congregation.

The Faith, Family, Fairness Alliance (FFFA) is a faith-based coalition of people in Minnesota from diverse religious backgrounds and beliefs, committed to upholding the inherent humanity of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people as beloved children of God, and as Americans equally deserving of full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections for themselves and their families.

### Phil Duran

Phil Duran, a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, is the Legal & Policy Analyst at OutFront Minnesota, the state's leading advocacy, direct service, and public policy agency for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) Minnesotans and their allies. His work at OutFront Minnesota focuses on legal information, referral, and education; state legislative research and analysis; state administrative agency and local government public policy; school-related issues; and direct representation in selected public-assistance and human rights matters.

Additionally, Duran is Co-Chair of the Minnesota Lavender Bar Association, which raises GLBT issues within the legal profession in Minnesota, and is a member of the executive council of the Minnesota State Bar Association.

### Time & Place

Saturday October 28th, 2006  
Union Church, 1118 4th St., Elk River, MN 55330  
10:00am - 12:00pm (free lunch at 12:30pm)  
Registration: 9:30 - 10:00  
Presentation will begin promptly at 10am

### Registration & Information

\$10.00 Registration Fee per person at the door or in advance.  
Please make checks payable to: Union Church Deacon's Fund  
For more information please contact: Discovery Registration  
Phone: (763)-441-1203 or E-mail: churchoffice@elkriverucc.org

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Books will be available for purchase from St. Martin's Table  
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### MISSION:

To affirm, support and empower the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Alliance (GLBTA) community. To bring forth God's love, justice and compassion to a world in which hate, discrimination, self-certainty and fear too often keep us from trusting and hearing one another.

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Body & Soul!

## Discovery V

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Yes! I will attend the lunch afterwards  No! I will not attend the lunch afterwards