

STOP the HATE

Dear Colleagues,

As you all know, our schools, colleges, and universities face considerable challenges posed by the problem of bullying, discrimination, and hate. These challenges undermine trust, respect and freedom on our campuses. At Iliff, we believe that none of us can promote welcoming cultures of inclusion, civility, genuine tolerance, and acceptance without taking responsibility to purposefully and energetically work towards defending the dignity, rights, and liberty of victims of hate crimes by intervening to stop hate.

I am writing to invite you to be part of an exciting, exclusive learning event on how to effectively address the problem of hatred and bullying on our colleges, schools and universities that the Iliff School of Theology is planning. As part of its diversity program, Iliff is hosting a three-day workshop on Stop The Hate - Train The Trainer Program. In its design and structure, the program represents the expertise of powerful organizations such as Campus Pride, The Association of College Unions International, the Anti-Defamation League, Tolerance.Org of the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence, the Wilbron Institute and the Matthew Shepard Foundation. This is a unique resource specifically designed to help colleges and universities prevent and fight hate crimes.

The workshop is open to administrators, student affairs professionals, faculty and students. **It will run for three days from February 22 – 24, 2012**, and will involve 18-20 hours of hands-on learning how to intervene to stop hate crimes and hate-related violence. These workshops will be conducted by expert leaders from human rights organizations and hate crime prevention agencies. In addition to providing knowledge about hate crimes issues and legislation, expert resources, and acquiring skills that will enable you to train faculty, students and staff on fighting hate crimes on your campuses, you will be invited to both develop and implement a year-long plan on the prevention of hate and to become part of the Stop the Hate network of educators committed to fighting hate in academic communities.

The workshop is part of a series of educational activities that follows the presentation of Iliff's Courage Award to Matthew Shepard's mother, Judy Shepard, November 1, 2011, for her work combating hatred. Her son, Matthew Shepard, was murdered because of his sexuality.

The cost per person of participation in the program is \$395 (early bird: by February 10) and \$455 after early bird and includes, registration, a 250+ training manual and 12 different training modules on such topics as Trainer Workshop Basics, The Impact of Hate Crime and Victim Support, and Introduction to

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Hate Crime and Bias Issues. The cost also includes the resources and support of the Stop the Hate program coordinator in creating and planning your training on your campus. Registration is limited to 40 participants. So, early registration is encouraged!

We want to encourage you to participate in this program because of your commitment to diversity and justice. Faculty, students, administrators, and others in your institution look up to you to provide effective leadership in promoting the values of human decency. This program will equip you as well as improve and strengthen your skills to do just that. It will also give you the opportunity to meet, network and interact with other people also concerned with hate crimes. You will be able to informally and formally compare notes on policies, procedures, strategies and best practices for combating hatred on your campus and in higher education in the Rocky Mountain Region.

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