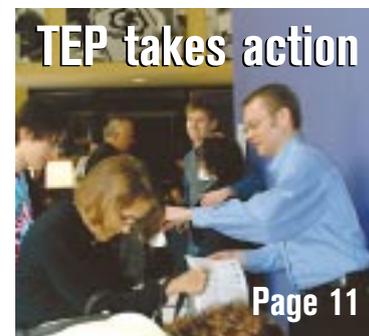


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PFLAG Conference Announced

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Nashville will host an April 1-2 conference at Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville. PFLAG chapters from Kentucky and Tennessee are encouraged to attend. The keynote presentation will be made by Dr. Robert Minor, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas. His topic will be "Dealing with Religion When You Have Tried Everything and Nothing Seems to Work." In addition, PFLAG announced, Minor will lead a workshop on "solving the personal difficulties we face in organizations like PFLAG, such as 'burnout, blowout and divisiveness.'" Professor Minor's books include *Gay and Healthy in a Sick Society*, *Scared Straight: Why It's So Hard to Accept Gay People*, and *Why It's So Hard to Be Human*.

According to the local PFLAG organization, at least four additional workshops will also be offered, including one by H.G. Stovall, co-chair of the local PFLAG chapter, who will offer a session on Safe Schools. A workshop on effective lobbying will be presented by Marti Bier, PFLAG staff person for the Southern Region. He will also lead a second workshop on ways to build memberships in PFLAG chapters. The conference will conclude with a panel presentation by clergy. They will address the "struggle in the churches over homosexuality."

Housing at Scarritt Bennett will be available for \$45 per night, and registration for the Conference is \$15 per person, which includes lunch. Conference organizer emphasize the need for registration, especially housing, by no later than February 28. For additional information contact dons shock@comcast.net. Checks for the total amount due, made payable to PFLAG Nashville, can be sent to Don Shockley, P.O. Box 642, Brentwood, TN 37024.