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No Longer Silent to Hold Press Conference Opposing Exodus, International's Training Day

WHAT: Exodus, International, a group which adheres to a completely flawed idea that reparative therapy can "cure" homosexuality, will hold a training day on Friday, 21 January 2011, at Church for the Nations in Phoenix, Arizona. The training day is to prepare clergy and lay leaders to ostensibly "deal with homosexuality and the church." In reality it is yet one more attempt to demonize and vilify Christians who tell the truth about their orientation.

This training day happens in advance of their February "Love Won Out" conference which will encourage children and families to embrace disproven and harmful therapies to "deal with homosexuality." (NLS will also be present to counter that conference.)

We will hold this press conference to stand up in the face of violent rhetoric that incites harm on young people and their families. It is our duty as Christians to call on our colleagues to dispense with the use of incendiary language in dealing with issues facing Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender individuals.

We unequivocally declare that God loves and affirms all people, including God's Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender Children. Join us Friday as we ask our colleagues to do the right thing and dispense with the use of harmful language that produces spiritual and physical violence.

WHEN: Friday, January 21, 2011 8:00am

WHERE: Church for the Nations
6225 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ

WHY: **We must send a clear and strong message that hate will be met with relentless challenge and radically inclusive love. The people of Arizona know all too well the results of misspoken statements that can and do lead to violence. When some Christian leaders assert that Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual or Transgender people are not accepted by God, they leave the door open for people to do violence under the guise of doing God's will. We cannot allow that to continue.**

Our Mission: We are Christian Clergy: grounded in the witness of the Bible; convinced of God's unconditional love for all people; raising a voice against Christian intolerance that promotes condemnation, discrimination, and hatred; and, advocating justice for all, especially Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgender persons. ###