



**Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies
United with LGBT People to
*move equality forward!***

Santa Barbara Chapter

Next Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2018 7:00pm Special Panel: Faith Communities and the Journey to Embrace LGBTQ People With Rev Frank Schaefer & Rev Mark Richardson – Reception to follow

Meeting Location: First United Methodist 305 E Anapamu St. at Garden – Enter parking off of Garden St behind church

Our special panel this evening will include two pastors working within the church for inclusion of the LGBTQ community. They will be joined by members of the LGBTQ community who have struggled with their faith in the coming out process. Faith communities have been the source of great pain and harm but they are also a source of healing, reconciliation and advocacy. What does it take to move from one to the other? What are the obstacles? What really changes hearts and minds? And how can we support those communities open to change as well as those already inclusive, toward greater awareness and advocacy? **There will be a reception following the panel for further connection & discussion.**



Rev Frank Schaefer, a United Methodist Pastor, was defrocked, then reinstated for performing the same sex marriage of his son, has three gay children and has become an outspoken advocate for the LGBTQ community – inside and outside his church. He is the author of “Defrocked: How a Father’s Act of Love Shook the United Methodist Church.”



Rev Mark Richardson is the Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church Santa Barbara. Mark has been in pastoral ministry for thirty years. Mark believes that the Church is to be an instrument of God's grace and peace in the community and has been instrumental in engaging his congregation in a year-long conversation that led to their congregation becoming inclusive of the LGBTQ community.

PFLAG Santa Barbara meets the second Monday of every month 7 pm at the First United Methodist, 305 E Anapamu St. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization and not affiliated with any religious or political institutions. Website: pflagsantabarbara.org Email: pflagsantabarbara@gmail.com