

THE CHURCH FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLES

Presents the

**12th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation  
Featuring...**

**Dr. Leslie Feinberg**



**Lucy Kinchen Chorale**



**Dr. Carl Blake**



**October 21, 2007, 3:00 p.m.**

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDING MINISTER

Dear Members and Friends:

Was there some intimation of the spirit that caused The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples to invite transgender warrior Leslie Feinberg to be the speaker for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Howard Thurman Convocation in celebration of our 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary? How could we have known that the time would be ripe, propitious for us to be led by this outstanding national leader? It is, I believe, confirmation of our growing edge of spiritual engagement that gave us insight into needing to hear from this precious community that continues to be denied basic human rights and protections.

From its beginning in 1944 as the nation's first avowedly and fully interracial, interfaith congregation, Fellowship Church has committed its resources to developing a religious fellowship that expands and deepens experiences of unity, thereby, subverting the divisiveness in society. We dedicate ourselves to being a rallying point for all in search of the common good and ground of humanity. We challenge any binding social classification that takes precedence over the intrinsic worth of the individual.

The convocation is a forum for strengthening our resolve by applying insights of the spirit to contemporary questions and issues. Author, activist, award-winning journalist Dr. Feinberg understands the intersection of oppressions. Ze has devoted hir life to dismantling economic, gender, LBGT, racial and other forms of exploitation and degradation. Starr King School for The Ministry awarded hir an honorary doctorate earlier this year. Dr. Feinberg address is entitled: "Solidarity: Building Bridges of Unity."

Ze is also the recipient of the Howard Thurman Award. The award is given annually to an individual or persons, embodying the life and legacy of Dr. Thurman, search for common ground.

Music will be provided by the celebrated Lucy Kinchen Chorale, known for its exquisitely disciplined, inspirational, passionate, and deeply moving performances of the Negro Spirituals. Internationally acclaimed pianist Dr. Carl Blake will also provide music.

Please join us in Thurman Hall after the program in the sanctuary for a reception prepared by our culinary artist, Christy Witherspoon.

We are so pleased you have joined us for this momentous occasion. Feel free to visit us Sunday mornings at 11:00 A.M. for our regular worship service.

Trusting,

Dr. Dorsey Odell Blake  
Presiding Minister

# BIOGRAPHIES

**DR. LESLIE FEINBERG** - Leslie Feinberg is a long-time activist and an award-winning author. Her works include *Stone Butch Blues*, *Drag King Dreams*, *Transgender Warriors: Making History from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman* and *Trans Liberation: Beyond Pink or Blue*.

Feinberg is a political journalist and a managing editor of Workers World newspaper. Ze is a national steering committee member of the LGBT Caucus of the National Writers Union, UAW Local 1981; a member of Pride at Work, AFL-CIO; and an associate member of the steelworkers Union. Feinberg is a founder of Rainbow Flags for Mumia and a national organizer for the International Action Center.

*(An excerpt from Trans Liberation: Beyond Pink and Blue)*

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Leslie Feinberg – you can call me Les. I am a masculine, lesbian, female-to-male cross-dresser and transgenderist. Because I was raised as a female in this woman-hating society, my consciousness has been shaped by some to the experiences that girls and women of all nationalities generally share in the dominate society. In addition, being a very masculine female has also subjected me to experiences that neither non-trans women or men face....

So I end as I began: My name is Les Feinberg.... I believe that I – and my communities – can be important allies for you .... The only question is: Have we reached the moment in history when this dialogue between communities can begin?

Dr. Feinberg's home page in cyberspace is [www.transgenderwarrior.org](http://www.transgenderwarrior.org).

*[Note: Copies of Dr. Feinberg's books are available for purchase in Thurman Hall].*

**LUCY KINCHEN CHORALE** - dedicated to renewing awareness and appreciation of the Negro Spiritual, one of America's original and most beautiful art forms, the Lucy Kinchen Chorale was established in September of 2001 and performs in the San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Kinchen has astounded audiences with her chorale, which is diverse in age, ethnicity, and cultural backgrounds. The unique chorale not only exemplifies the passionate music of the Spirituals, but a variety of repertoires. With exceptional artistry, their intensely expressive performance will lift your heart and spirit.

**DR. CARL BLAKE** – holds three degrees in piano performance, the Bachelor of Music from Boston University, the Master of Arts from San Jose State University, and the Doctor of Musical Arts from Cornell University. He is the first recipient of the Marian Anderson Young Artist Award (presented by Ms. Anderson herself). As a concert artist, he has performed on national and international venues and has appeared three times at Carnegie Recital Hall. Dr. Blake is the former Associate Director of Arts and Humanistic Studies and Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at Penn State University. He has twice received a Fulbright Scholar Award to teach and perform in Honduras.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Dorsey Blake, Presiding  
Dr. Carl Blake, Pianist

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Prelude	<b>Choral Prelude by J. Brahms</b>	Dr. Carl Blake
Call to Assembly		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Opening Music	<b># 151 "I Wish I Knew How"</b>	Musician & Congregation
Invocation		Rev. Kathryn Benton
Welcome & Acknowledgements		Gayle Orr-Smith
Greetings		Tom Ammiano Board of Supervisors City & County of San Francisco
Music		The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
Introduction of Speaker		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Music	<b>Consolation by F. Liszt</b>	Dr. Carl Blake
Keynote Presentation		Dr. Leslie Feinberg
Offertory	<b># 348 "Guide My Feet"</b>	Rev. Kathryn Benton Shirley Strong Ushers & Congregation
Music		The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
Recognition of Howard Thurman Award Recipient: Dr. Leslie Feinberg		Glenn Nance Elizabeth Brousse & Shashi Dalal
Remarks		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Sending Forth Music	<b>#119 "Once to Every Soul &amp; Nation"</b>	Congregation
Blessing		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Postlude	<b>Jesus, Take My Hand (arr. C. Taylor)</b>	Dr. Carl Blake

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The guiding spirit of Fellowship Church is expressed in our statement of commitment:

I affirm my need for a growing understanding of all peoples as children of God, and I seek after a vital experience of God as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth and other great religious spirits whose fellowship with God was the foundation of their fellowship with all people.

I desire to share in the spiritual growth and ethical awareness of people of varied national, cultural, racial, and creedal heritage united in a religious fellowship.

I desire the strength of corporate worship through membership in The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples, with the imperative of personal dedication to the working out of God's purposes here and in all places.

# SONGS

## **#151 "I Wish I Knew How"**

I wish I know how it would feel to be free.  
I wish I could break all these chains holding me.  
I wish I could say all the things I could say,  
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.  
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.

I wish I could share all the love in my heart,  
remove all the bars that still keep us apart.  
I wish you could know what it means to be me,  
Then you'd see and agree everyone should be free.  
Then you'd see and agree everyone should be free.

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give.  
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live.  
I wish I could do all the things I can do,  
though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.  
Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky.  
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly.  
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea,  
then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.  
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.

## **#348 "Guide My Feet"**

Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race.  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race.  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race.  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

## **# 119 "Once to Every Soul and Nation"**

Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide,  
in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side:  
then to stand with truth is noble, when we share its wretched crust;  
ere that cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;  
though its portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong.  
Then it is the brave one chooses, while the coward stands aside,  
till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied.

# The Howard Thurman Center for Spirituality and Social Justice

The Howard Thurman Center for Spirituality and Social Justice is an independent non-profit affiliate of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. The mission of the Center is to raise awareness about systematic oppression in our communities and around the world that deprives people of their right to equal justice. The Center will sponsor classes, forums, discussions groups, films, dramatic presentations, musical events, art exhibits and other activities in collaboration with other like minded individuals and organizations.

## Forum Series

**December 2, Sunday, 2 PM: Jean Shinoda Bolen, MD**



Jean Shinoda Bolen, M. D. is a psychiatrist, Jungian analyst, clinical professor of psychiatry at the UCSF, a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and recipient of the Institute for Health and Healing's "Pioneers in Art, Science, and the Soul of Healing Award". She is a former board member of the Ms. Foundation for Women, and the author of numerous books. She brings an emphasis on the question for meaning and the need for a spiritual dimension in life to all aspects of her work, while also taking into account the powerful effects of archetypes within us and family and culture upon us.

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In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Willie Hoskins

In Recognition of Her Long-term Commitment to

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In the quietness of this place, surrounded by the all-pervading Presence of God, my heart whispers: Keep fresh before me the moments of my High Resolve, that in fair weather or in foul, in good times or in tempests, in the days when the darkness and the foe are nameless or familiar, I may not forget that to which my life is committed. Keep fresh before me the moments of my high resolve.

Dr. Howard Thurman

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## ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Meets Every Sunday in Thurman Hall  
From 9:45-10:45 am

### Discussion Topics:

Howard Thurman	Dorothy Day
Martin Luther King	Gospel Study
Book of Miracles	Dream Understanding

Join us for lively sessions of exploration.  
Our subjects change, but the theme remains the same:  
How to live our faith and grow in understanding!



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Our heartfelt congratulations to The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples  
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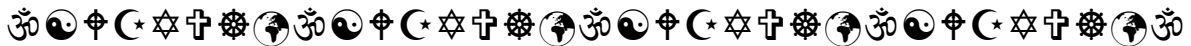
Thank you for your steadfast prophetic vision and your ongoing work  
to nurture and inspire the Beloved Community.



*Blessings from Rev. Dr. Liza J. Rankow and the Board of Directors*

OneLife Institute is a nonprofit interfaith organization providing resources for the integration of spirituality and social action. Through classes, retreats, publications, events, counseling and consultation services we seek to support and empower individuals and groups in their commitment to personal and social transformation.

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MOURN THE LOSS OF A BELOVED FRIEND**

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