Living and Loving Out Loud: Our LGBT Stories

Sunday, Aug. 28th, 2016 at 2 PM

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, 12529 Branford St., Pacoima, CA

WHY? To take advantage of a rare opportunity to hear community LGBTQ leaders a year after the landmark Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage. To ask questions about changes in social organizations and in churches. Finally,to answer any questions you might have but were afraid to ask!

Panelists:



Mia Yamamoto and Kimberlee Tellez were married on Sept. 2, 2015. Ms. Yamamoto was the first open transgender attorney in Los Angeles county, and is the recipient of numerous awards in the legal and humanitarian fields.

Jason Takagi is a member of the San Luis Obispo United Methodist Church. He came out to his church while a lay leader to personalize the need for his church to be affirming of LGBT people. Jason is the convener of the California-Pacific Reconciling Ministries Network and the provisional chair of the California-Pacific Annual Conference LGBT task force.



Facilitator:



Marsha Aizumi is an author, national speaker and educational consultant. She serves on the PFLAG National Board of Directors, is co-founder and current President of the PFLAG San Gabriel Valley Asian Pacific Islander, the first and only API chapter of PFLAG, an LGBTQ support group. Marsha and her transgender son Aiden had the honor of meeting President Obama at the White House in 2012. In 2014, Marsha Aizumi, a member of our SFV JACL, received the JA of the Biennium Award.

This free panel, sponsored by the SFV JACL, is presented in part to inform the community of an upcomingLGBTQ Gathering at the Japanese American National Museum in October 14-15, 2016.

See facebook: Okaeri 2016: A Nikkei LGBTQ Gathering (10-14-16 to 10-16-16)



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