



# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

## FROM OUR FOUNDER

**Greetings!** On behalf of our trustees and staff, I want to extend our deep gratitude for your faithful support of Lead Them Home. God continues to anoint our seminar teachings, consulting services, and support for families and individuals. Our newly published *Guiding Families of LGBT+ Loved Ones* has quickly become a leading resource for pastors and parents with sales extending across the globe.

Posture Shift has emerged as the most trusted and credentialed source for equipping evangelical leaders on LGBT+ inclusion and relational care. Our missional framework, justice posture, comprehensive best practice care plan, proven teaching curriculum and strong biblical commitment are key factors in God expanding our reach across North America and beyond.

**Your gift prior to November 1st will be matched up to \$50,000. We need 50 new donors. For those who currently give, we encourage you to consider expanding your support. [Give today!](#)**

Enjoy our Third Quarter News, featuring a lookback and a glance ahead at our work. I hope you will order *Guiding Families* to help a family of an LGBT+ loved one or to equip your entire church's leadership team! Bulk discounts are available! Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Sincerely in Christ,

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## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

First Canadian Event: Toronto  
 Posture Shift featured in Doctoral Residency at Gordon-Conwell (GCTS)  
 Posture Shift Intensives hosted by Denver Seminary

## CITIES REACHED

Houston  
 Washington, DC  
 Colorado Springs  
 Oakland  
 Toronto  
 Hartford  
 Denver  
 Orlando  
 Indianapolis  
 Missoula  
 Dallas  
 Boston

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Parenting Teens Summit  
 Posture Shift: Columbia  
 Q Commons Presenter  
 Leaders Forum Presenter  
 Intensives Course: Oakland  
 Spanish Resources

**POSTURE SHIFT INTENSIVES**

**OAKLAND**  
**FEBRUARY 15-16, 2018**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Join us in Oakland, CA, for our biblically sound, missiological training course designed to enhance inclusion and relational care of LGBT+ people.

## SUPPORT SERVICES: CARE FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS



[Schedule an appointment](#)

# LOOKBACK: 9 MONTHS OF MINISTRY



## INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: NATIONAL STAFF CONFERENCE

Posture Shift was featured at two workshops and several private sessions at **InterVarsity's 2017 National Staff Conference in Orlando**. Hundreds of campus workers and regional leaders, who reach thousands of students across North America, were trained.



## FIRST CANADIAN EVENT

Our Summer 2016 Intensives Course in Indianapolis led to **Lead Them Home's first Canadian event in Toronto, Ontario**. Our event equipped staff at one of Canada's leading evangelical churches. We now have other Canadian events emerging.

# POSTURE SHIFT



## GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY DOCTORAL RESIDENCY

Posture Shift credentialing is rising at the seminary level as evidenced by the invitation to **include our teaching as academic curricula in Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's (GCTS) Doctoral Residency Program**. Pastors and missionaries from across the nation are being trained.



## PRIVATE TRAININGS ACROSS THE U.S.

We trained **international mission sending agency executives, college town church planters, regional campus ministry leaders and countless pastors** at events in Boston, Washington, D.C., Orlando, Houston, Indianapolis, Colorado Springs, Denver, Missoula, Oakland, Hartford, Concord, Toronto, Dallas and other cities.



## FIRST DENVER SEMINARY EVENT

**Our Summer 2017 Posture Shift Intensives Courses were held in Orlando, Dallas, Indianapolis, Denver and Boston**. In Orlando, we were joined by Dr. Preston Sprinkle and many other friends in ministry who also joined us for the Pulse 1-Year Memorial. In Dallas, we trained about a dozen Catholic senior leaders. Ty Wyss, founder of Walls Down, teamed up with us at our Indianapolis event. Our Boston event drew leaders from Seattle to South America and was our second largest Intensives Course to date.

Our Denver event, hosted by Denver Seminary, was our largest Intensives Course with

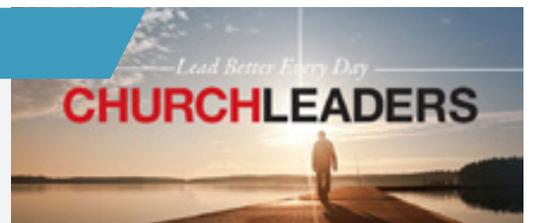
leaders attending from across America. Dr. Mark Young, President of Denver Seminary, reflected:

*"Hosting Posture Shift helped us live out our mission statement: 'to engage the needs of the world with the redemptive power of the gospel.' The truths of Scripture are presented with compassion and deep understanding in ways we all can benefit from."*

Our board of trustees wishes to thank Dr. Mark Young, Dr. Marshall Shelley and Dr. Randy MacFarland for hosting, promoting and attending Posture Shift Intensives.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN CHURCH LEADERS

In case you missed it, *Church Leaders* published Bill Henson's two-part article describing the missional aspect of Posture Shift. **If you have never experienced our teaching, these articles are a great way to gain exposure to Posture Shift**. You can read them at [leadthemhome.org/churchleaders1](http://leadthemhome.org/churchleaders1) and [leadthemhome.org/churchleaders2](http://leadthemhome.org/churchleaders2).



# A LOOK AHEAD

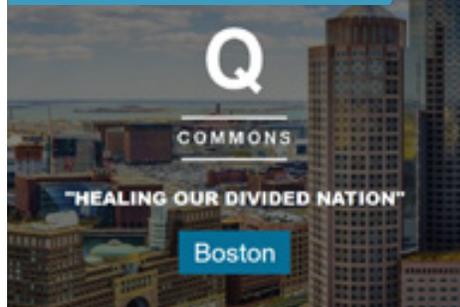
## CONFERENCES & EVENTS

### AXIS PARENTING TEENS SUMMIT: HOPE



Watch **Bill Henson's Parenting Teens Summit interview** starting Monday, September 18. Purchase a Lifetime Pass and hear Craig Groeschel, Julie Slattery, Paul Tripp, Craig Gross and many other speakers. See the full lineup and register at [leadthemhome.org/parentingteens](http://leadthemhome.org/parentingteens).

### Q COMMONS BOSTON: "HEALING OUR DIVIDED NATION"



Q Commons will feature Bill Henson in Boston on October 26 starting at 7:00 pm. "Healing Our Divided Nation" is the theme, and **national speakers include David Brooks and Kara Powell**. Bill will have the challenging task of sharing Posture Shift in just 9 minutes! Register at [qcommons.com/boston](http://qcommons.com/boston).

### LEADERS FORUM: THE CENTER FOR FAITH, SEXUALITY, & GENDER



The Center will feature Bill Henson at its Leaders Forum in Grand Rapids, MI, on October 18. **Dr. Sprinkle, author of *People To Be Loved* and the newly released *Grace/Truth* small group learning experience**, named Bill a founding trustee of The Center earlier this year. Purchase their resources at [centerforfaith.com](http://centerforfaith.com).

## FAMILY CARE SEMINAR



Parents and families of LGBT+ loved ones can join us for Family Care Seminar in Lexington, MA, on November 1 from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm. This free bi-annual event is reserved exclusively for families of LGBT+ loved ones. Register at [leadthemhome.org/familycare](http://leadthemhome.org/familycare).

## POSTURE SHIFT: COLOMBIA

Bill Henson has been invited to present Lead Them Home's two-day Posture Shift Intensives Course in Armenia, Colombia, on February 2-3, 2018. **This event represents our initial expansion of Posture Shift into Latin America.**



**SPANISH RESOURCES:** By early 2018, Lead Them Home will publish *Guiding Families* and *Posture Shift Intensives Course Handbook* in Spanish. Translation is currently underway. **You will soon be able to purchase these critical resources in Spanish.** Look for updates in our December 2017 newsletter.

## CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Catch our full spread ad featuring Posture Shift and *Guiding Families* in *Christianity Today's* annual **State of the Pastorate** issue. This publication is released on September 15.



## POSTURE SHIFT

### POSTURE SHIFT INTENSIVES: OAKLAND

Missed our Summer 2017 Tour? Join us February 15-16, 2018 in the Bay Area (CA). We have a great host and promotional partners shaping this to be **our most wide-reaching Intensives Course yet**. Register to attend at [convergepacwest.com/postureshift](http://convergepacwest.com/postureshift).

### TRAIN YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM ON-SITE

Over 90% of our training and consulting work is privately contracted to serve churches and parachurch ministries. **If you truly want to implement Posture Shift within your church, we can get you started in 4-6 hours!** Contact us with your available dates and request a proposal at [info@postureshift.com](mailto:info@postureshift.com).



Download informational brochure ► [postureshift.com](http://postureshift.com)

# JUSTICE INITIATIVE UPDATE

## STATE OF THE CITY: HOUSTON

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First Presbyterian Church of Houston selected Lead Them Home to address LGBT+ youth homelessness. On any day, there are 438 homeless youth on Houston streets. About 25% identify as LGBT+ and 68% report family rejection as a key factor in their homelessness. **Covenant House serves over 5,000 homeless youth in Houston each year.** They are the **only** Houston organization that provides beds for LGBT+ youth — yet they only have 50 beds.

## PULSE 1-YEAR MEMORIAL TRIP



Lead Them Home mobilized over 20 evangelicals from eight states to join us at Pulse 1-Year Memorial ceremonies. The Pulse shooting claimed the lives of 49 people and injured 53 others. **Our team delivered 1,000 memorial candles and 80 sympathy cards for surviving families.** We were pleased to have Gordon College staff and students join our team.

### LGBT+ YOUTH HOMELESSNESS: "MAYA"

Maya is a 20-year old college student who was disowned by her family in May 2017 as her college semester concluded.

Having no place to go, her university provided a summer intern role with housing and a meal plan. They expanded her care to include a scholarship for the fall semester. **We have played a support role and have offered Maya financial help to cover some of her basic needs.** You may be thinking Maya is from the Deep South — but she's from right here in Boston.

### LOVING REJECTED YOUNG PEOPLE: "NOELLE"

In 2010, we provided emotional and spiritual support for Noelle as she was **kicked out of her family home for identifying as lesbian.** Noelle recently wrote:

*"I was 19 and just got kicked out of my house. Everything I knew was ripped out from under me. Exchanging multiple emails with Bill Henson gave me a shred of stability and pointed me to Jesus. He truly cared for me and understood how I was suffering. In 2015, I surrendered by life to Jesus. His grace has rebuilt my life to a place I never thought possible."*

### OUR HIGHLY- CREDENTIALLED FRIEND: RAY

You surrender your sexuality to Christ. Follow Jesus. Seek purity. Honor scripture. Earn multiple degrees — including a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Many churches would consider such an individual to be a tremendous asset on their ministry team. In reality, this story ends with a **highly-credentialed servant of God being terminated unjustly.**

Read his story at [leadthemhome.org/ray](http://leadthemhome.org/ray) and share it with your pastor.

## INVEST IN OUR WORK

### \$50,000 MATCHING GIFT

Because of the generosity of several families whom we have served, your gift, received today through November 1, will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.

We need your help more than ever to meet increased operating costs as well as new opportunities that require investment. We need a few **\$2,500 – \$25,000 one-time donors**, plus 50 new **\$25 to \$250 per month donors**. We also encourage current donors to **consider expanding your support.**

Please give as generously as you can prior to November 1.  
**Thank you for your investment in Lead Them Home!**

### 5 WAYS TO GIVE

Start your automatic recurring or one-time gift today via:

- Online Credit/Debit
- Electronic Check/ACH
- Text-to-Give: **757-GIVE-LTH**
- Stock Gifting
- Personal Check

\*All gifts are tax-deductible.

**GIVE TODAY**