

## Social-Change Seminar Encourages Boys To Explore Homosexuality

The Boys to Men group in Portland, Maine held a seminar at its May 2008 conference to encourage boys to explore homosexuality and transgenderism.

The seminar, "Queer, Questioning, Quiet: Developing Gender Identity & Male Sexual Orientation," featured speakers from Proud Rainbow Youth for Southern Maine.

The Boys to Men website said that the seminar targets middle and high school boys and adult male mentors. The core values section of the web site says: "Traditional media and cultural representations of masculinity and femininity are too narrowly defined and contribute to destructive and damaging behavior toward individuals of all genders and ages. We are committed to

eliminating the inequalities and institutional injustices that result from these traditional media and cultural representations of masculinity."

Mike Heath with the Christian Civic League of Maine expressed concern over the seminar. "I think it's outrageous. This is now starting to happen in public schools throughout our state. The public needs to wake up, become aware, and speak out against it."

He continued: "This continues to happen to impressionable young boys. The sad thing is the boys who are least able to endure this message, this confusion," are the ones these groups seek out.