

What does this have to do with us?

Several Christian organizations opposed the bill, including the Anglican Church of Canada, the Roman Catholic Church, Integrity Uganda, Accepting Evangelicals, Changing Attitude, Courage, Ekklesia, Fulcrum, Inclusive Church and the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.

The Anglican Church of Uganda (ACU) is theologically conservative. There was no action from the ACU to speak out against the bill, described by the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams as “shockingly repressive”. In a public interview, Williams stated that he did not see how any Anglican could support the bill.

The House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada submitted a letter to the Anglican Church of Uganda, stating the ACC’s position on the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life of the church, and encouraging Anglican Church leaders in Uganda to speak out against the bill.

In Jan. 2011, shortly after winning a lawsuit against the tabloid which had published his personal information in the article calling for the hanging of homosexuals, David Kato was beaten to death in his home. After a cursory investigation, Ugandan authorities claimed the motive was robbery, but friends and colleagues advocated for Kato after his death, calling for a more complete investigation.

David Kato is remembered as a hero, a role model, and a courageous defender of LGBT rights in Uganda.

Submitted by Maureen Vescio

Mission to Seafarers

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the operation of the Mission to Seafarers - watch for many scheduled events.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will host our Annual Open House. Some of the Missions history will be on display. If you have never been to the Mission to Seafarers Centre, this might be the time for you to come and explore the site.

Thanks for the continued financial support that enables the Mission to stay open and service the needs of the seafarers. We are always looking for volunteers to be watch keepers and/or drivers.

To find out more you can go to the website www.missiontoseafarers.ca

Rep – Craig Williams