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News From Around PA

A "lesbian Christian" has created a **new Bible app** which "pushes back against aspects such as the word 'abomination' and the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. " She hopes others will also gravitate to it, including millennials.

In Erie a **Druid "spiritual"** group will be sponsoring a Pagan Pride event, "Common Ground" on September 16 at St Nick's Grove. It will include ritual presentations, workshops, vendors and readers (Tarot, Rune, etc.).

After a successful petition drive (about 60 signatures were obtained; only 25 were needed), **Pittsburgh City Council** held a hearing recently about the possibility of officially becoming a sanctuary city. Mayor Peduto and several council

members have announced support for such a move.

Yet another former **Milton Hershey School** student says he was "forced to watch a religious anti-gay video" with a fellow student. However, that student, also a 2011 graduate of the school, denies the accuser's assertions.

In response to President Trump's tweet announcing a ban on transgenders in the military, **Philly's Office of LGBT Affairs** hosted a demonstration in the City Hall courtyard this week. More than 50 people came to show their support for LGBT veterans.

The homosexual group in Meadville (Crawford County) has decided not to become an official PFLAG charter, but will remain independent and change its name to **Crawford Area LGBT+**. They meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church in the city. NOTE: PFLAG is Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbian and Gays.

Victory Fund, the national organization dedicated to electing LGBT candidates has announced its endorsement

of Tyler Titus for Erie School Board Director.

News from National Scene

Fifty-six retired generals and admirals have signed onto a letter **condemning President Trump's decision to ban transgenders** from serving in the military. One lie contained within the letter is this from former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullin: "The military conducted a thorough research process on this issue and concluded that inclusive policy for transgender troops promotes readiness." No research of any kind was done by the military! This was foisted upon them by the previous administration and calls for a delay were ignored until the current Secretary of Defense called for a six month delay prior to the President's tweet.

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