



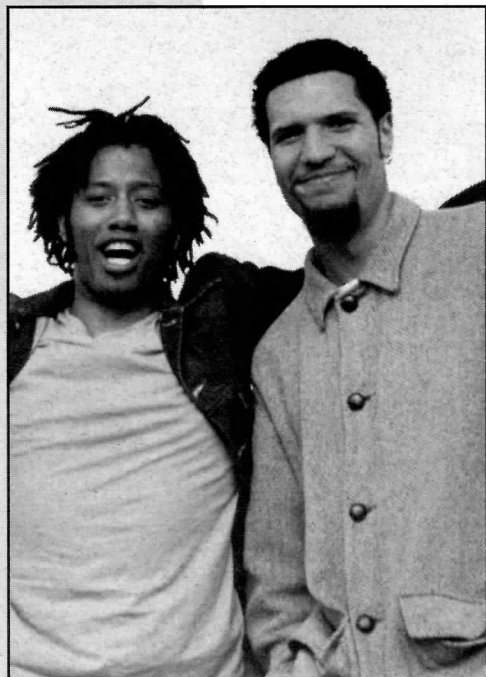
# UPPER HUDSON PL Public Affairs

## Save the date!

*Gloria Steinem,  
author, activist and  
founder of Ms.  
Magazine*



Family Planning Advocates of New York State will hold their annual legislative conference entitled Choice - A New Century of Commitment on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Empire State Plaza. This is an opportunity to meet and lobby state legislators. This year, Gloria Steinem, author, activist and founder of Ms. Magazine and Amy Richards of Third Wave and Ms. Magazine will provide the Annual Luncheon Keynote Presentation. Truth for Youth activities - recommended for teen advocates will include workshops done by and for teens featuring "Midnight Voices" and the Teen Advocate Project. For more information, contact Abby in Public Affairs at 434-5678 x140. ♦



*Hip-Hop group, Midnight Voices*

## IN NEW YORK STATE...

### Clinic Access Bill Becomes Law!

Governor Pataki has signed the clinic access bill into law! This legislation provides state criminal penalties against "any person who, by force or threat of force or by physical obstruction, intentionally injures, intimidates or interferes with another person because such a person was or is seeking to obtain or provide or assist in the provision of reproductive health services." It also allows the state as well as federal marshals to enforce the law. The bill includes anti-stalking provisions and penalties for blocking access to places of worship. A huge thank you goes out to our grassroots supporters for helping to pass this vital legislation.

**Action:** Thank the governor for protecting lives! Contact Abby at 434-5678 x140 for a draft letter. ♦

## Local Clergy Meet with *Sam* PPFA President, Gloria Feldt

*Pro-choice clergy  
from the Capital  
Region met with  
Gloria Feldt,  
Planned  
Parenthood of  
America  
Federation  
President, on  
October 28<sup>th</sup> to  
discuss how to  
promote  
responsible  
choices in our  
communities.*



# 2003 UPCOMING EVENTS



## REGIONAL SEMINARS

The Clergy Project will sponsor two seminars for clergy in different regions of the state in 2003. The Rev. Barry Lynn, Executive Director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State will address the issue of "Reproductive Rights in the Context of the Separation of Church and State" at the meetings to be held in Saratoga and Rochester. Workshops on: media training, addressing issues of choice in the congregation, and sex education will also be available.

Save the date for the meeting most convenient for you:

Tuesday, May 6th – Saratoga Springs

Wednesday, May 14th – Rochester

Brochures for these events will be sent in February.

## CLERGY DAY IN ALBANY

Save the Date – Clergy Day is Tuesday, April 1, 2003 in Albany, New York. A flyer announcing this event is enclosed.

This is your opportunity to meet with elected officials in order to share with them your concerns about reproductive rights. Contact Paula Gravelle at [paula@fpaofnys.org](mailto:paula@fpaofnys.org) for more information.



Religious leaders come together for Clergy Day in Albany.

## CLERGY ADVISORY BOARD

The Clergy Advisory Board is a group of pro-choice clergy from various faiths and from different regions of New York State who serve as advisors to the Director of Concerned Clergy for Choice and to FPA staff. Current Board members are:

The Rev. Tom Davis  
United Church of Christ  
Saratoga Springs

Rabbi Alison Kobey  
Temple B'rith Kodesh  
Rochester

The Rev. Julie Berghdal  
Lutheran  
Plattsburgh

The Rev. Joel Miller  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
Buffalo

The Rev. Ralph Mueckenheim  
United Methodist Church  
Hempstead

The Rev. Martha Munson  
Unitarian Church  
Elba

The Rev. Wendy Van Orden  
Presbyterian  
Watervliet

## MAILING NOTICE

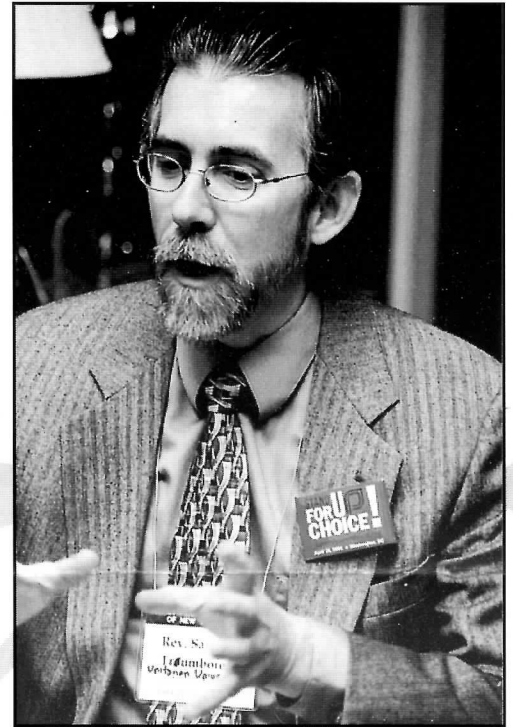
If your address has changed, or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please let our Project Director, the Rev. Dr. Paula Gravelle, know by e-mailing her at [paula@fpaofnys.org](mailto:paula@fpaofnys.org); calling her at 518-436-8408 x238; or writing her at Family Planning Advocates of NYS, 17 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207.

## CLERGY DAY IN ALBANY

From all corners of New York State, on March 23, 2004, fifty clergy assembled in Albany to meet with elected officials on reproductive choice concerns ranging from sex education for our children to availability of emergency contraception. As anti-choice forces raise the volume in the debate, New York's clergy with support of FPA, brought the capital a religious voice for choice!



*Left to Right: The Rev. Sam Trumbore, Albany, Assembly Member Amy Paulin (D-Scarsdale), Rabbi Alison Kobey, Rochester, The Rev. Ralph Mueckenheim, Hempstead.*



*The Rev. Sam Trumbore.*



*Above: The Rev. Ralph Mueckenheim, Hempstead, JoAnn Smith, FPA President/CEO The Rev. James Adelmann, Rabbi Linda Henry Goodman, Rear: Sima Weinsaft-Matthes, J.D., Planned Parenthood, Nassau.*



*At Right: Catholic Women Speak: Janice Spilker, JoAnn Coyle, Mary Jane Smith, Troy.*

# CONCERNED CLERGY FOR CHOICE

Monday, August 8

Sam,

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENCE  
AND WORDS ON THURSDAY. IT WAS A  
GREAT CONF. TO US.

THE WAMC CHOSE YOUR REMARKS ON  
MORAL AGENCY FOR BROADCAST — ONLY  
YOUR REMARKS AFTER AN HOUR OF  
SPEECHES — IS AN AFFIRMATION OF  
OUR SENSE THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT TO SAY. LET'S CONTINUE TO  
DIALOGUE ON THE TOPIC — SOMETHING  
GOOD WILL, NO DOUBT, EMERGE.

With much appreciation,

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