

Tragoidia Moving Pictures Presents...

"Call Me Troy"

A Film by Scott Bloom

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SYNOPSIS

Call Me Troy is the new film documentary about the life and times of one of the Gay community's most visible and tenacious advocates for change, The Reverend Troy Perry.

His southern up-bringing and close ties to his family church instilled an early bond with God and religion. Troy was ministering to his own congregation in rural Georgia at the age of 15, and was told early on by his Evangelical Aunt that “God is going to use you mightily in the faith, but not in the church you think..” With that, his mission seemed certain, this journey however, wouldn’t be an easy one.

Realizing as a young man that he was gay, Troy tried coming to terms with his sexuality; thus beginning a most difficult conflict between his devotion to God, his role as a husband and father, and his natural sexual inclinations.

Divorced from his wife and living in an urban paradise filled with temptation, Troy succumbed to his natural tendencies while trying to maintain a balance between his love of God, and his new found freedom. In the years that followed, a devastating break-up with a man Troy fell deeply in love with, compounded by mixed messages about his calling to preach and his realization that as a gay man, he was not welcome in traditional houses of worship, Troy found himself overwhelmed with feelings of despair.

It was here, at his lowest point in life, that God spoke and told Troy that He loved him as He loves all His creatures. Troy realized that if this were true, God must love Gay people too! With this message came the realization for a need of a sanctuary where the gay community could worship without the fear of being ostracized for being who they were.

On a Sunday morning in October 1968, in the living room of his Huntington Park home, the Metropolitan Community Church was born. Rev. Troy Perry found his new calling, and created a place where Gays and Lesbians could seek spirituality for themselves. Since MCC’s formation, it has grown to over 300 congregations in 22 countries.

For years, Rev. Troy Perry has been an Activist for equal rights and protections for Gay Men and Lesbians the world over as well as providing a place for all people (Gay and Straight) to worship and to be of service. Call Me Troy celebrates Rev. Perry’s life and his legacy. This film is a nostalgic reminder of where we come from for some, and an astounding story of our roots for others.

THE CREW

"Call Me Troy"

Directed by Scott Bloom

Produced by Scott Bloom and Larry Diamond

Film Editors: Scott Bloom and Kevin Connolly

Director of Photography: Clay Westervelt

Original Music: Zallen and Steven James Zdroik

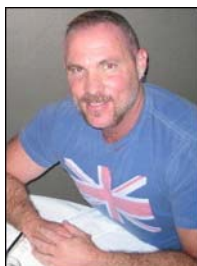


Scott Bloom began working professionally in Southern California 15 years ago as a freelance editor for Feature Documentaries, Situation Comedies, Film Trailers and Reality Television.

In 2005, Scott began stretching as a Producer and Director by shooting and editing the award winning documentary "Original Pride: The Satyrs Motorcycle Club", his first independently produced feature length film which premiered at Film Festivals and on television networks around the world.

"Call Me Troy" is Scott's second documentary. It is his hope that the early struggles of the community depicted in this film, and one man's personal story of his civil rights journey, provide an historic foundation for textbook learning for generations to come.

Scott resides in Los Angeles with his partner Larry and their dog Kody.



Larry Diamond began his film-making career by working in Educational Films. He later moved into the communications field where he currently holds an Executive title.

As Co-Producer, his creative energies were easily re-engaged when presented with tasks associated with the "Call Me Troy" project. Knowing the story of Troy Perry sparked Larry's passion for having this story documented. Understanding that many within his own community were either unfamiliar with, or took the civil rights they enjoy today for granted, Larry continues to work to ensure that "Call Me Troy" receives it's rightful spot in history and is accessible to learning institutions worldwide.

Larry is a native of Southern California, and resides in Los Angeles with his partner, the Producer/Director of "Call Me Troy" Scott Bloom, and their dog Kody.