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**Local Pastor to Participate in Prayer Vigil at US Supreme Court in Support Of Marriage Equality**

**San Diego, CA** -- Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Pastor of the Kensington Community Church, will be participating in a prayer vigil and rally on the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States, Washington D.C., March 26 and 27, 2013, in support of marriage equality for same-gender couples. Rev. Kistler will join hundreds of clergy from various faith traditions and denominations as the Court listens to oral arguments regarding the Federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California's Proposition 8, which prohibits same-sex marriage. Organized by The Human Rights Campaign, as part of HRC's United For Marriage events, on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27.

Rev Kistler believes, "it is vitally important for our church and all people of faith to stand up and lend our voice in support of this historic opportunity to reaffirm the civil and human rights of our fellow Americans. It is particularly important for Christians to lend this support since it has been the church that have been historically harsh antagonists of the LGBT communities." Rev. Kistler added, "Our prayers will be that the Supreme Court justices recognize they have an opportunity to be on the right side of history, and correct wrongs that have gone on far too long. Our prayers will be to grant them the

wisdom and courage to do the right thing and overturn these unconstitutional, inhumane, and unjust statutes.”

Kensington Community Church is a member congregation of the United Church of Christ. It is an “Open and Affirming” congregation that welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and the LGBT community. Rev. Kistler will be tweeting about his experience during his time in Washington D.C. Follow him on Twitter at @DarrylKistler or on the Kensington Community Church webpage, [www.kensingtonucc.com](http://www.kensingtonucc.com).

For more information about Rev. Kistler or the congregation, please call 619-284-1129.