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Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
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Dear Friends,

Your organization is hereby invited to apply for participation in the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations.

The ERCHO is an association of independent organizations in the eastern United States and Canada which are devoted to improving the social and legal status of the homosexual. The conference serves to plan strategy and tactics, to provide inter-organizational communication, and to coordinate region-wide activities, all aimed at achieving for the homosexual his full acceptance and dignity as a human being and his full equality and rights as a citizen. The organizations comprising the ERCHO work to achieve their goals primarily by programs of civil liberties and social action, information and education, and social services. While the organizations vary from one to another in their forms, emphases, and approaches, all are united within ERCHO in working toward the common goal of creating a better life for the homosexual as a homosexual.

The ERCHO holds meetings twice each year, in April or May and again in October or November. The Credentials Committee is currently receiving applications from organizations not already accredited to ERCHO, to attend the spring 1970 conference which will be in New York City on April 4-5.

If your organization is interested in applying to ERCHO, please let me know promptly, and an application form and a copy of the accreditation rules will be sent promptly.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gittings, Chairman
ERCHO Credentials Committee

P. S. One of the criteria for accreditation to ERCHO is that the organization be a subscriber to the National Clearinghouse located in Kansas City. This is an official arm of the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations, a continental-level association similar to ERCHO. The Clearinghouse serves to facilitate communication among the organizations by acting as a central receiving point for copies of publications, notices, and other printed materials issued by the different organizations, and as a distributor of these materials to all the other organizations. Subscription to the Clearinghouse is part of NACHO membership but is also available to organizations not yet in NACHO. For information on the non-NACHO subscription fee, please contact: NACHO Clearinghouse, 3800 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo. 64109.