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We invite you to join, or contribute financially to, NOMAS. Our members come from all walks of life. We have no salaried employees. We are activists and volunteers scattered across the United States and the world. Members are invited to participate in our annual Men & Masculinity conferences. mid-winter meetings and occasional local events.

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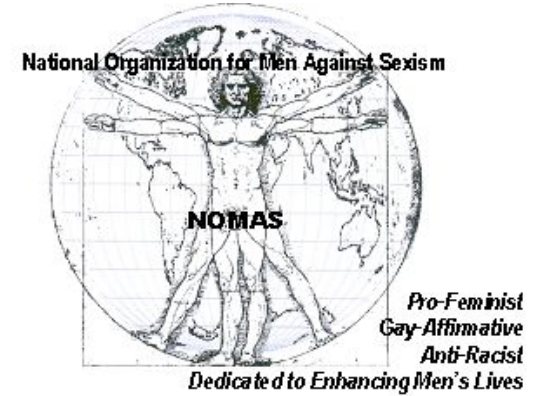
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WHO WE ARE ~

The National Organization for Men Against Sexism is an activist organization of men and women supporting positive changes for men. NOMAS advocates a perspective that is pro-feminist, gay-affirmative, anti-racist, and committed to justice on a broad range of social issues including class, age, religion, and physical abilities. We affirm that working to make this nation's ideals of equality for all people a reality is the finest expression of what it means to be men.

We believe that the new opportunities becoming available to women and men through the feminist movement will be beneficial to both. Men can become happier and more fulfilled human beings by challenging the old-fashioned roles of masculinity that embody the assumption of male superiority.

Traditional masculinity includes many positive characteristics in which we take pride and find strength, but it also contains qualities that have limited and harmed us. We are deeply supportive of men who are struggling with the issues of traditional masculinity. As an organization for changing men, we care about men and are especially concerned with men's problems, as well as the difficult issues in most men's lives.

PRO-FEMINIST

As an organization for changing men, we strongly support the continuing struggle of women for full equality. We applaud and support the insights and positive social changes that feminism has stimulated for both women and men. We oppose such injustices to women as economic and legal discrimination, rape,

domestic violence, sexual harassment, and many others. Women and men can and do work together as allies to change the injustices that have so often made them see one another as enemies.

GAY-AFFIRMATIVE

One of the strongest and deepest anxieties of many American men is their fear of homosexuality. This homophobia contributes directly to the many injustices experienced by gay, lesbian and bisexual persons, and is a debilitating restriction for many heterosexual men. We call for an end to all forms of discrimination based on sexual-affectual orientation, and for the creation of a gay affirmative society.

ANTI-RACIST

The enduring injustice of racism, which, like sexism, has long divided humankind into unequal and isolated groups, is of particular concern to us. Racism touches all of us and remains a primary source of inequality and oppression in our society. NOMAS is committed to examine and challenge racism in ourselves, our organizations, and our communities.

ENHANCING MEN'S LIVES

The traditional male role has steered many men into patterns of existence that include isolation from children, denial of feelings, lack of close relationships, competitiveness, aggressiveness, preoccupation with work and success. NOMAS believes that men can live happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives by challenging stereotypes and opting for a new masculinity -- one that embraces children, spouses and friends in a positive and holistic fashion.

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HISTORY/ACTIVITIES

NOMAS began as a loose-knit spontaneous social movement in the early 1970s. In 1975, a group of men who were enrolled in a women's studies course at the University of Tennessee held what they announced as "The First National Conference on Men and Masculinity," in Knoxville, TN. In the 1981 M&M in Boston, it became clear that some kind of organization was needed if the M&M tradition was to continue. A national membership organization was formed, and in 1982, its members elected an 18-person national council to provide the collective leadership of the anti-sexist men's movement. In 1983 the name "National Organization for Changing Men" (NOCM) was chosen; in 1990 the present name, "National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS), was adopted. In 1999 anti-racism was added as a major commitment of NOMAS, together with pro-feminism, gay affirmation, and enhancing men's lives.

The M&M conferences feature workshops and events covering multiple tracks including workplace issues, domestic and sexual assault, youth violence, fathering, gender issues, men's health, homophobia and more. The conferences are a place for building alliances and collaborations and for engendering gay-straight and racial dialogues. They are host to diversity training and issues in multiculturalism and the participation of communities of faith. There is also time for fun and creativity, including a full program of cultural events, performances, and celebration of the arts. All of the conference activities are open to the public, with the intention of providing an educational and cultural resource for the host community. In addition to the national Men & Masculinity Conference NOMAS offers:

NOMAS task groups, resource persons and spokespersons -- responsible for reports, position papers and presentations on topics such as homophobia, gay rights, pornography and prostitution, men's health, men and spirituality, men's culture, child custody, men and prisons, sexual harassment, bisexuality, eliminating racism, etc.

The Men's Studies Association (MSA) -- a division of NOMAS devoted to scholarship, research, and teaching about men and masculinity.

Publications: MEN AND MASCULINITIES -- a scholarly inter-disciplinary journal, sponsored by the MSA, and **BROTHER**, the official publication of NOMAS, a magazine which is the forum for the pro-feminist men's movement.

The Ending Men's Violence Network (EMV-Net) -- links programs nationally that work with men against domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment, and related issues of male violence.

NOMAS chapters coordinate grass roots activities in local regions including Oakland, CA, Denver, CO, Boston, MA, Chicago, IL, Orange and Rockland County, NY and more.

National Leadership Council and Collective of anti-sexist men and women. Basic and operational decisions are made by the NOMAS National Leadership Council.

Social Action: NOMAS sponsors social change initiatives on a local, national and international basis, presents position papers, briefs of the court, and provides support for other progressive organizations on various social justice issues.

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