

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL ETHICS
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The Institute of Social Ethics in Hartford, Conn., was established in January of 1967 for the purposes of: (1) analysing, evaluating, and developing primary ideological arguments and positions and major moral issues relating to the homophile movement; (2) establishing and maintaining a research center devoted to the history and evolution of the homophile movement and its organizations; (3) publishing materials related to these activities; (4) establishing contact with influential ex institutions and individuals external to the movement and encouraging them to involve themselves in the ~~the~~ movement and to accept and help promote the homophile cause; (5) to render, through its affiliate, Association Management Services, professional business, administrative, and communications services to the movement and its regional and national associations of organizations.

Since its founding, the activities of ISE have tended to focus on the second and fifth of these goals. Today ISE operates the country's largest and most complete library and archival center on the homophile movement, and ISE's facilities have recently been made available to the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations (NACHO) for the creation of a NACHO historical/archival center. And ISE, in conjunction with Association Management Services, renders a variety of financial, communications, and business-administrative services to the NACHO, the Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations (ERCHO), and the recently established Christopher Street Liberation Day Umbrella Committee (CSLUDC), as well as and other homophile organizations, associations, and committees.

From ISE's magnificent and fully equipped 22nd floor offices overlooking Hartford beautiful Bushnell Park and the state Capitol, there pours forth a daily volume of correspondence, printed matter, and telephone calls to all parts of the country in furtherance of the work of these groups, plus ISE's own self-sponsored activities and projects. And back into these offices flows a flood of publications, brochures, announcements, position papers, and documentary materials from homophile organizations nationwide, to be registered, catalogued, and added to the shelves and files of ISE's extensive library, for use in subsequent research on the movement's fascinating history.

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