

Minnesota Group Poised to Fight Gay Marriage




AP Photo/Chris Gardner

New York just passed its historic gay marriage law. Could Minnesota be next? Not if the Minnesota for Marriage Coalition has anything to do with it.

The coalition is a group of community and faith leaders and organizations in support of next year's vote to preserve the definition of marriage as only one man and one woman in Minnesota's constitution.

"This is exactly why we need the constitutional amendment to protect marriage in Minnesota," says Jason Adkins of the Minnesota Catholic Conference and a member of the Minnesota for Marriage Coalition. "Marriage between one man and one woman has served mankind for all of recorded history as the building block of civilization and the best institution for children."

Delta Accused of Discriminating Against Christians, Jews

 Delta Air Lines is under fire for the company it keeps.

The American Center for Law and Justice is outright demanding that Delta Air Lines put the kibosh on its partnership with

Saudi Arabian Airlines. Why? The ACLJ says the airlines has discriminatory policies targeting Jews, Christians and women.

Under the Delta-Saudi arrangement, American Jews and non-Jews with an Israel stamp in their passport may be prohibited from flying into the country, which embraces Sharia Law and open discrimination.

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No Female Preachers? No Tongues? No Denominational Stereotypes!

☒ Addressing a congregation with long-held beliefs that it's shameful for a woman to speak in church isn't the most comfortable assignment.

That's especially true when it's in a church that's more than 120 years old and where most in the audience are near-Centenarians. But that was my task last Saturday afternoon.

I wouldn't have accepted the invitation to speak in a historic

denominational setting that doesn't approve of women with short hair who wear pants to church and pray in tongues—all three of those characteristics describe me well—but it was my grandfather's memorial service.

To be sure, if my mother hadn't asked me to speak after an old gospel hymn and in between two mature male pastors, this big city girl would have never invaded that small country town with the gospel of Christ. I expected weeping, but I hoped against gnashing of teeth as I waited for the hymns to end. In other words, I wasn't expecting the best. (Read: lion's den.) I decided to trust God. And the righteous are as bold as a lion. I stood behind that old pulpit and preached to those old pews. And I am glad I did.

Muslims Lost in Floundering Outreach Funding

✘ According to Joshua Project, approximately 1 percent of missions funding is given for outreach to unreached people groups. Less than 1 percent of that funding is given for Muslim evangelistic efforts. This staggering reminder comes at a time when outreach to those who claim Islam as their faith is pivotal.

Speaking from Lebanon, the president of the Crescent Project Fouad Masri spoke to Greg Yoder. He says this point in the history of outreach to Muslims is second to none: "The openness has never

been this way. It's unprecedented that people are interested in knowing about Christ. God is on the move. We've never seen them open for the Good News, not only in the U.S., but here."

EXCLUSIVE: Dr. Michael Youssef Blames Church for Gay Marriage Laws

✘ In the wake of New York passing a gay marriage bill last Friday, there are many voices crying out.

Some in the secular world—and even in the church—are celebrating. Others, like Dr. Michael Youssef, are weeping.

Although many are blaming Republicans, Youssef is pointing a bold finger directly at the church of Jesus Christ. As he sees it, the church allowed this abomination to rise up and the church is the only body on earth working to restore God's righteousness to the land.

Charisma News caught up with Youssef, founder and president of Leading The Way with Dr. Michael Youssef, a worldwide television ministry, and senior pastor of The Church of the Apostles in Atlanta, to discuss his thoughts on the gay marriage campaigns across the

country and how the church should respond now.

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After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do." —Acts 13:20-22