

Small Texas Town's Ministerial Alliance Bans LGBT Group from Christmas Parade

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Unlike many cities and organizations, the Taylor (Texas) Area Ministerial Alliance stood firm in its faith and its reaffirmed its values. It did not want any drag queens in its Christmas parade in 2022.

The result was the creation of a second Christmas parade for this small town just outside of Austin, with a population of nearly 17,000.

In 2021, an LGBT group called Taylor Pride entered a float in the Taylor Christmas parade with two men dressed in drag. That drew the ire of the Taylor Area Ministerial Alliance and several parents. TAMA then banned Taylor Pride from its annual Christmas Parade of Lights for 2022.

recently reported that the Taylor Area Ministerial Alliance released a statement in November saying it would not allow Taylor Pride to participate in the parade this year because it believes in "traditional family and biblical values."

"The group (Taylor Pride) should never have been allowed to participate and put their promotion on display to families who had no warning about what was coming," TAMA's statement read.

"Up until very recently, the idea of gaudy and overly sexualized [crossdressers] being put on public display during a parade which celebrates the biblical event of Jesus Christ being born into this world to save sinners like all of us

would understandably have been unthinkable.”

reported that TAMA does not require a Christian or religious theme from its parade participants, but this year the group said it would not allow participants that “explicitly contradict what our entire organization is built on—the Word of God.

The second parade, dubbed the 2022 Very Merry Holiday Celebration, included Taylor Pride marching with rainbow flags in hand. The parade’s theme was “From Our Family to Yours.”

“On the applications, one of the requirements was traditional family values, and this is what traditional families look like,” said Denis Rodgers, President of Taylor Pride. {eo}

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