

100 Black Pastors Plan Gay Marriage Protest With Praise

A coalition of more than 100 black pastors from Detroit will lead a peaceful march against what they express is a threat to their voting rights. The pastors say they are “protesting with praise, worship and prayer.”

“We have already given enough speeches,” says the Rev. Roland A. Caldwell of Burnette Inspirational Ministries. “We intend to go out and sing praises. We shall worship. We shall pray. We shall behold the glory of the living God, whom we trust will show Himself strong on our behalf, ending the threat against our voting rights and stopping the violation of our Christian conscience. We are calling on Christians, wherever you are, to come to Detroit and stand with us for righteousness and freedom.”

At a press conference this week at First Baptist World Changers International Church, the pastors and Christian leaders denounced what they said is a threat to their voting rights. Additionally, they denounced what they expressed as a potential threat to their God-given right of religious freedom.

“Man’s rejection of God’s Word does not change the fact that God instituted marriage as a means of creating and sustaining family, as well as creating and sustaining a strong and moral society,” says minister Stacy Swimp, founder of Revive Alive in Flint, Mich. “It is indeed on the basis of strong families, as defined by God, that the future of our nation rests. Hence, there can be no doubt that to redefine marriage as between any two people, regardless of gender, would be an action against the will of God and the best interest of both nation and family.”

“Our presence shall serve as a reminder to Judge Friedman that it is his God-given responsibility to uphold God’s rights and protect the institution of marriage between one man and one woman, which God created and blessed,” Swimp adds.

The coalition’s leaders have said they also believe it is the responsibility of the church to be the conscience of the community, state and nation. In doing so, they believe they can impact both the judicial and the political system to return to honoring America’s Judeo-Christian values and commitment to traditional marriage.

“We acknowledge that for too long, the body of Christ, including many of the leaders of the churches, have been silent in the face of spiritual corruption in the church, community and public square,” states the Rev. Stacey Foster of Life Changers International Ministries. “Therefore, we are calling on every Christian in Michigan and around the nation to join us in a call for the spiritual revival of the body of Christ. We need a restoration of consciousness in both the church and the society at large.”