

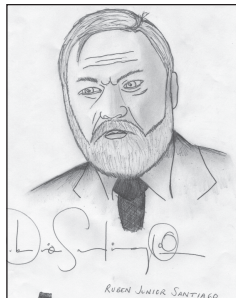
Stop the Hate: A Message from Springfield

An anti-gay minister in Springfield?

Scott Lively came to Springfield in 2008. Since then, as president of the Abiding Truth Ministries, which has been classified as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, he has been running the Holy Grounds Coffee House on State Street right near Commerce High School.

What does this have to do with us?

- Lively is known as the author of anti-gay books such as *The Pink Swastika: Homosexuality and the Nazi Party* and *Why and How to Defeat the "Gay" Movement*. Now, from his base in Springfield, he is going around the world spreading hate.
- In 2009, Lively went to Uganda with two other evangelicals to speak out against homosexuality. The events associated with his visit fueled anti-gay actions in Uganda. Soon after this visit, Uganda's government began discussion of anti-gay legislation that would make homosexuality a capital crime, punishable by a life sentence or hanging. Lively now denies support of the legislation's death penalty provision but called the effort to criminalize homosexuality a "step in the right direction."
- On January 26, 2011, a young gay activist named David Kato was brutally beaten to death in broad daylight at his home in Uganda. After Kato's murder Lively claimed that "revolutionists of Sodom" are intent on destroying Christianity in Uganda, but also claimed that he was through with anti-gay activism.
- In February 2011 Lively flew to Moldova at the request of a "pro-family" group there to speak against a European Union anti-discrimination bill on sexual orientation that he said would have dire consequences for their young country. During his visit, Lively said that this bill would be the first step towards "homosexualization" of society.



"It is not wrong to speak against homosexuality any more than it is wrong to speak against other behavioral disorders such as alcoholism and bulimia, or other sexual sins such as adultery and polygamy."

- Scott Lively, 2011

What can we do?

We deplore hateful messages that harm the lives of all people. We believe it's time for all of us to send a different message in Springfield:

- We must educate ourselves and others about the terrible burden homophobia places on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) people.
- Along with our neighbors, friends, co-workers, clergy, and family we must speak out against homophobia wherever it is perpetrated.
- We call on Scott Lively to make a public apology for any actions he has taken that may have contributed to incitement of violence and publicly denounce discrimination against members of the LGBT community at home and abroad.

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