

Soulforce to Bring 'Gay Agenda' To Six Mega-Churches

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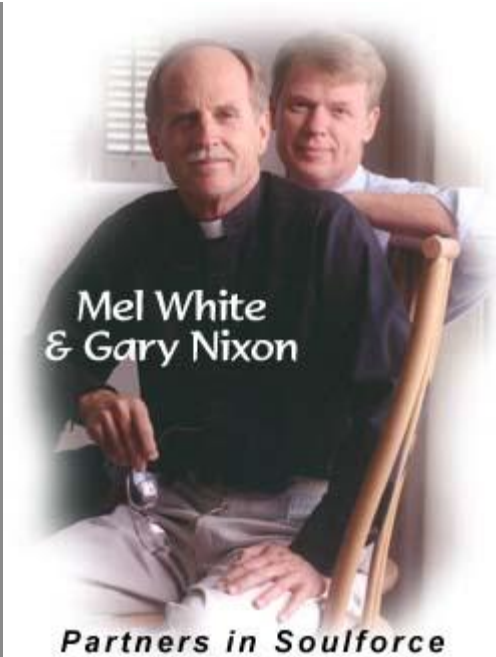
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A gay coalition of groups led by Soulforce is targeting six U.S. mega-churches in an effort to foster dialogue about Christian views on homosexuality. "Reverend" Mel White is a homosexual activist, Ghostwriter of many "Christian" books (& Cofounder of Soulforce) & lives with his male lover, Gary Nixon, in Dallas, Texas. This spring, members Soulforce and its allies will visit six well-known churches throughout the nation. Dubbed as "The American Family Outing," the campaign targets the following churches: Lakewood Church (pastored by Joel Osteen), The Potter's House (T.D. Jakes), Hope Christian Church (Harry Jackson), New Birth Missionary Baptist Church (Eddie Long), Willow Creek Community Church (Bill Hybels), and Saddleback Church (Rick Warren). According to the Soulforce website, "lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people" and their families will attempt to visit with members, pastors, and leaders of the churches to talk about religious views on homosexuality. Their objective? "To begin a process of changing hearts and minds" in those churches, says a document outlining the campaign, and "to educate the national public through the media on the issues of faith, family, and sexuality." The website explains that a delegation of "families" including adults and children will visit each of the six churches. The Soulforce Mission Statement says: The mission of Soulforce is to cut off homophobia at its source -- religious bigotry.

Soulforce Co-Founders & Lovers Mel White and Gary Nixon



Soulforce Vision Statement

- **"The purpose of Soulforce is freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance."**
- **Soulforce Mission Statement**
- **The mission of Soulforce is to cut off homophobia at its source - - religious bigotry. Soulforce uses a dynamic "take it to the streets" style of activism to connect the dots between anti-gay religious dogma and the resulting attacks on the lives and civil liberties of LGBT Americans. We apply the creative direct action principles taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to peacefully resist injustice and demand full equality for LGBT citizens and same-gender families.**

http://www.onenewsnow.com/2008/01/soulforce_aims_to_dialogue_wit.php

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a friendly façade that belies the agenda of the group -- and that the churches targeted need to be on guard.

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Caleb Price, a research analyst with [Focus on the Family](#), warns that people should not be fooled by the campaign, the goal of which he claims is to disseminate a "false doctrine."

"As with any temptation to disregard God's clear word on any given matter, this attempt by Soulforce and their allies is a classic example of what we see in Genesis Chapter 3, when the serpent tempts Eve by [asking] 'Did God really say ...?'" says Price. "And I think perhaps the biggest lesson we can take from that account is it's best not to talk to snakes. Scripture clearly teaches that there will be a great falling away in the last days and there will be wolves in sheep's clothing who will try to enter into the fold and deceive even the elect."

Soulforce plans to recruit "forty diverse families" for the campaign, train them during a weekend session in February, then -- after visiting the two Texas-based churches (Lakewood in Houston, and The Potter's House in Dallas) -- divide them into four teams to travel to the other churches. Clergy leaders who have a "demonstrated knowledge and skill in articulating an inclusive faith," says Soulforce, will serve as primary spokespersons for each team.

Price offers a warning specifically to the mega-churches destined for a visit during the American Family Outing.

"These churches that have been targeted by Soulforce need to be clear about the real agenda behind these staged actions," he says. "It's not for dialogue and greater understanding -- it's to tempt them to embrace a false doctrine, which will

keep many from the gospel message of hope and transformation for those who are trapped in homosexuality."

The Soulforce campaign begins Mother's Day weekend and runs through Father's Day weekend. Collaborating with the homosexual advocacy group are the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the National Black Justice Coalition, and the San Francisco-based group COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

[Don't talk to snakes?](#)

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This is a hard one. The Soulforce [targeted churches](#) have mostly demonstrated that they are not on par with Biblical truth, so how do you advise a church in this mindset not to talk to snakes, or, uh.. Soulforce? One News Now has a [poll](#) I thought was very interesting. Go over and select your answer. If you'd like come back here and tell us why you chose what you chose. The discussion there is fairly shallow in that it is mostly about "showing love". The question is:

What do you think is the PRIMARY reason Soulforce has chosen to target mega-churches with the 'American Family Outing'?

- Potential for greater impact on Christian community.
- Change to influence high-profile ministry leader(s)
- 'Dialogue' could legitimize homosexual movement
- Media wont cover small churches

The Eve and snake saga aside, this is nothing new. In 2001, we stepped into the fray as Soulfarce was just beginning to develop this tactic with their invasion of the Southern Baptist Conference in New Orleans. [We sent a letter](#) to the then SBC President James Merritt in response to [one of the many attempts](#) by Soulforce to

have a “dialogue” with him. I’m not sure he read our letter, but [he basically did what we advised](#). This isn’t over by any means. Its only the beginning. I predict that as more black gay church activists sign onto the Soulforce program, there will be more invasions at black churches. From what we know already, they are woefully unprepared.

What do you think? Should we show snakes love and dialogue with them?

Update: ONN has closed their poll and posted the [results](#). About 50% of people believed that ‘dialogue’ with homosexual activists could legitimize their claims. The problem with this is it only delays the inevitable. Without proper preparation and training, the church will be just as unprepared as this time. Secondly, it will allow the activists to get the attention which undoubtedly will further paint them as “victims”. That’s exactly what they want. Third, they use the event to recruit borderline people. This has been proven that everytime they showed at a Christian school, students who were closet gay activists were emboldened to join Soulforce.

The churches —not just the six megachurches— need to develop a proactive strategy. Eventually, this might develop into a [Lot-Sodom showdown](#).