

Faith In America

Don't Accept Bigotry As Religious Truth

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Michelle Obama Praised For Connecting Historical Dots of Discrimination

Faith In America today praised Michelle Obama for connecting the historical dots of discrimination and prejudice for Americans in a speech yesterday in New York.

The wife of Democratic Presidential Nominee U.S. Sen. Barack Obama stated during the speech that African-Americans and gay and lesbian citizens have marched on the journey toward full equality

"We are all only here because of those who marched and bled and died, from Selma to Stonewall, in the pursuit of a more perfect union," she was quoted to say in an Associated Press article.

Brent Childers, executive director of Faith In America, today thanked Michelle Obama for recognizing that history holds a valuable lesson for the pursuit of equality in America.

"When Michelle Obama makes that connection, it will eventually lead Americans to recognize religion-based prejudice and discrimination as the commonality of not only injustices against African-Americans and the gay and lesbian community but also women, interracial couples as well as religious minorities.

"The California Supreme Court in its recent ruling on marriage equality made that same connection...that deep-seated prejudice within majoritarian institutions cannot stand as a barrier to social justice."

Faith in America is a civil rights advocacy organization whose mission is to end legal and spiritual discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people in America and to gain full and equal rights for those citizens. Faith in America is the only national LGBT rights advocacy organization lead by a straight ally. Faith In America is not a religious organization but works to educate Americans about the harm caused by religion-based bigotry against GLBT individuals by connecting the historical dots of discrimination and prejudice.