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## Reverend **MARK KIYIMBA**

**Minister, Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
of Kampala, Uganda**

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014  
at 7 PM**

*As part of a national tour that began  
in May, Rev. Mark Kiyimba will be speaking at the*

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of  
the South Jersey Shore (UUCSJS)**

**75 S. Pomona Road, Galloway, NJ**

*(at the corner **Liebig Ave. & Pomona Rd.** ~ near the  
north entrance to Richard Stockton College)*



**Rev. Mark  
Kiyimba**

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Rev. Mark Kiyimba is “a minister of a little church of 150 souls with very large hearts,” according to information accompanying his appearance at ArtRage Gallery in Syracuse, NY. “Together they run a school for 650 children who have lost parents to HIV and AIDS, and an orphanage for 22 children infected with the virus. Kiyimba is the founder and senior minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kampala, Uganda, which preaches the acceptance of all people. And that makes the 38-year-old minister and the members of his Kampala congregation outlaws.”

In February, Uganda’s parliament passed a law making homosexuality punishable by up to life imprisonment. It also proposed years in prison for anyone who counsels or reaches out to gays and lesbians—that includes renting a home to a known gay man or lesbian, or providing medical assistance. The law also seeks punishment for those who know someone is gay and fail to report it. Parents could face imprisonment for sheltering their own gay child. And on April 28, Uganda moved to extend its grip on LGBT people by drafting a new law that would bar foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from “promoting homosexuality.” The draft also bans NGOs from “meddling in the country’s politics,” Reuters reported.

This hatred of LGBT people isn’t African in its roots, says Rev. Kiyimba, who began his speaking tour in Central New York on May 25. The fault lies with American evangelical ministers who—failing to stop the advances in civil rights for gays and lesbians in the U.S.—have now exported their hatred to Africa, says Kiyimba (KEY em ba). “You as Westerners have the power to help us quench this terrible fire,” he says. “We need you to speak to your evangelical ministers who have been spreading this hate speech.”

Kiyimba is not gay. His crime in Uganda is welcoming LGBT people into his congregation, which continues to meet illegally. And despite his charitable work with children, he has received hundreds of death threats in his home country. A National Education Award winner for his leadership in human rights, Kiyimba will be our guest at UUCSJS for several days and we are honored to welcome him to southern New Jersey.

***Come out and join us!***

*Contributions to the **Unitarian Universalist Association’s “UU-UNO (United Nations Office) LGBT Uganda Fund”** will be gratefully accepted. [Checks payable to: **UUCSJS (UUA/UU-UNO LGBT Uganda Fund)**]*