## THE STRUGGLE FOR **LGBT** RIGHTS IN UGANDA and the role of the American Christian Right



## Ugandan minister to speak on the state of LGBT rights in Uganda

New law makes LGBT people and their allies outlaws.

In February 2014, Uganda's parliament passed a law making homosexuality punishable by up to life imprisonment. It also mandates years in prison for anyone who counsels or reaches out to LGBT people. The law even seeks punishment for those who know someone is gay, and fail to report it, including parents of LGBT people. Tragically, this state persecution of LGBT people has been prompted, aided and abetted by extreme right-wing American evangelical ministers.

## The Rev. MARK KIYIMBA

Mark Kiyimba is the founder and senior minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Uganda, which preaches acceptance of all people, including LGBT people. Their small church also runs a school for 650 children who have lost parents to HIV/AIDS, as well as an orphanage for 22 children infected with the virus.

The Rev. Kiyimba is a National Education Association award winner for his leadership in human rights. Though not gay himself, Kiyimba's support of LGBT people and LGBT rights in Uganda has made him the target of hundreds of death threats at home.

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