

New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms' Power in the Pulpit Initiative

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A communiqué from Rev. Tom Stiles, Director of Church Relations

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Dear Pastors,



By now you know that Governor Andrew Cuomo has stated he intends to be the governor that signs "same-sex marriage" into law in New York State. By God's grace, New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms (NYCF) intends to block those efforts.

Pastor, we believe you are an essential part of defeating "same-sex marriage" legislation in New York - and we're not the only ones. Yesterday the Empire State Pride Agenda, New York's largest homosexual-rights organization held a [press conference](#) where they unveiled a listing of 727 [Pride in the Pulpit](#) "clergy" in support of homosexual marriage. Gay-rights activists are propping up false prophets to dilute the influence of godly preachers on this issue.

[Gay City News](#) reported that homosexual-rights advocates and their allies met with Cuomo on March 9 to discuss strategy, and what they came up with is simple. The Governor is fully committed and will press for a vote on gay "marriage" before the Legislature recesses in June. This will be a legislative campaign unlike any other we have seen on this issue. In fact, published reports indicate that "gay marriage" advocates will spend \$1 Million on this campaign over the next six weeks. A major media blitz will assail New York as early as Thursday.

New York's elected officials cannot ignore the clear teachings of a Divinely-ordained plan for the family and expect God's blessing on our state. I ask each friend of the family to pray for marriage in New York. Pray for our elected officials, and pray for our ministry in what will likely be an intense and difficult two months for this ministry. We are doing everything in our power to inform New Yorkers as to the importance of the sacred institution of marriage.

"Mayday for Marriage" Sunday

May 22nd will be "Mayday for Marriage" Sunday. New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms (NYCF) is encouraging the 5,000 churches on our mailing list to focus on marriage during worship services on this particular day. We are asking pastors to:

- Publicly pray for marriage in New York State
- Preach on the biblical definition of marriage
- Reach out to their elected officials on this issue. (We have made it very easy to send an e-mail through our [Legislative Action Center](#) at [AlbanyUpdate.com](#).)
- Encourage attendance at our Albany "Mayday for Marriage" rally at 11:00 AM on May 24th outside the Capitol Building in Albany's West Capitol Park.
- Take up a special love offering to help underwrite NYCF's marriage defense initiative. NYCF needs to raise a minimum of \$50,000 during the month of May. (Please make any church check payable to "NYCF" and mail to PO Box 107, Spencerport, NY 14559.)

NYCF along with New Yorker's Family Research Foundation (NYFRF) and the Family Research Council (FRC) are making some downloadable resources available for your "Mayday for Marriage" Sunday. NYFRF and FRC have made a bulletin insert available online. There is both [KJV](#) and [NIV](#) versions available.

If you would prefer to use a Sunday other than May 22nd that would be fine, but we do not know when a vote on "same-sex marriage" legislation will be taken up, thus the sooner the better.

Pastor, thank you for partnering with us. By God's grace, we will be victorious in defending marriage between one man and one woman.

Your Friend,
Tom Stiles

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