

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

SUPREME COURT RULES THAT RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS NOT GOVERNED BY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

The following is excerpted from “Supreme Court Hands Major Victory to Christian Schools,” *Christian Headlines*, July 8, 2020: “The U.S. Supreme Court handed private religious schools a major victory Wednesday, broadening the so-called ministerial exception and ruling they can hire and fire employees without being governed by anti-discrimination laws. At issue were teachers at two separate Catholic schools who sued after their contracts were not renewed for reasons the schools

said were related to performance. One teacher, though, alleged age discrimination, and the other alleged she was released because she asked for time off for a medical procedure. Both sued. The ministerial exception is a legal doctrine that allows religious institutions to hire and fire employees without being governed by anti-discrimination laws. The U.S. Ninth Court of Appeals sided with the teachers, ruling they were covered by anti-discrimination because they weren’t ministers and

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HEAD OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS FOUNDATION SAYS THERE IS MORE SYSTEMIC RACISM IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THAN IN AMERICA’S POLICE FORCES

The following is excerpted from “Frederick Douglass Foundation Chairman,” *Just the News*, July 7, 2020: “During an interview on the ‘John Solomon Reports’ podcast, Kevin McGary, the chairman of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of California, questioned the claim that systemic racism prevails among police when so many minorities populate law enforcement’s ranks. Instead, he said that the description of systemic racism could be applied to the Democratic Party, which he said ‘started slavery and segregation and to this very day they actually encourage the black genocide of black babies.’ He also said that ‘all of their upper echelon, meaning in the House

and the Senate, are white, and has been for decades, many decades, probably forever.’ ... Discussing the late founder of Planned Parenthood, McGary said that Margaret Sanger’s ‘racial hatred towards blacks is unparalleled’ and he said that ‘her organization specifically targets to this very day black babies’ through its abortion programs. ... Regarding the key question that will characterize this year’s election, he remarked, ‘The question is: Do you want the ideal of America, the free, the righteous, the just-type America or do you want a new sort of reimagined America that embraces something that is anathema to our Constitution, that would be Marxism.’”

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had no ministerial background. But the Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, said the schools were not bound by non-discrimination laws. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion. The ruling could impact future cases related to sexual orientation and gender identity, allowing Christian schools to dismiss--for example--a teacher who comes out as LGBT. The ministerial exception, Alito ruled, is broad. An employer doesn't have to wear the title 'minister' to be exempted from non-discrimination laws, Alito wrote. 'What matters, at bottom, is what an employee does,' he wrote. ... Joining Alito in the majority were Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh, Neil Gorsuch, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented. ... 'Today is a huge win for religious schools of all faith traditions,' said Eric Rassbach, vice president and senior counsel at [the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty]. 'The last thing government officials should do is decide who is authorized to teach Catholicism to Catholics or Judaism to Jews. We are glad the Court has resoundingly reaffirmed that churches and synagogues, not government, control who teaches kids about God.'

DEMOCRATIC POLITICIAN CALLS FOR CHANGING NAME OF THE PARTY BECAUSE OF ITS RACIST HISTORY

The following is excerpted from "Dem. Ga. State Rep: Disband and Change Name of Democratic Party," CNSNews, July 6, 2020: "If racist relics of the past must come down, shouldn't we start with the Democrat Party?' Democrat Georgia State Rep. Vernon Jones asks, introducing his video recalling his party's dubious past regarding issues of racial equality. 'If the Democrats are looking to eradicate everything with a *racist history*, when will my party confront and apologize for its own?' Rep. Jones wrote Friday in a Twitter post of his video, in which he denounces the hypocrisy of Democrats supporting the unlawful destruction of statues and monuments while refusing to erase their own ties to slavery, segregation and Democrat Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger. 'What I see happening from the Democrats and the Left: banding together, going throughout this country unlawfully tearing down statues and removing monuments and changing the name of streets and buildings because they feel it's associated with racism and bigotry and the Confederacy. But, here's what they're not

touching and not banning at all or changing the name: the Democratic Party.' ... 'Join me and others. Let's challenge the Democrat Party, to have at their national convention, the number one platform issue that they will disband and change the Democratic Party.'"



Democrat Georgia State Rep. Vernon Jones

BLACK LIVES MATTER LEADERS PRAY TO ALLAH FOR STRENGTH NOT TO KILL WHITE PEOPLE AND PRESENT A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR COMPLETE ABOLITION OF POLICE AND ELIMINATION OF MILITARY BASES ABROAD

The following is excerpted from “Black Lives Matter Leader Toronto,” *Gateway Pundit*, July 6, 2020: “Old social media posts written by Black Lives Matter co-founder Toronto Yusra Khogali are making the rounds this week. Yusra Khogali in 2016 wrote ‘white people are a genetic defect of blackness’ in a since-deleted Facebook post. ‘Whiteness is not humxness,’ Khogali wrote in a Facebook post. ‘in fact, white skin is sub-humxn.’ ... Khogali also claimed, ‘melanin directly communicates with cosmic energy.’ In a separate Twitter post, Khogali tweeted, ‘Plz Allah give me the strength to not cuss/kill these men and white folks out here today.’” The following is excerpted from “Black Lives Matter Philadelphia,” *Fox News*, July 8, 2020: “The Philadelphia arm of the Black Lives Matter movement has called for the ‘complete abolition’ of the police department in five years as well as the scrapping of military bases abroad. ... And

according to BLM Philadelphia organizer and activist YahNé Ndgo, the chapter has developed a five-year plan to do just that. ‘One of the things that we are demanding over five years is the complete abolition. We don’t want to see any police in our community,’ Ndgo told *Fox News* in an interview Tuesday. ... She pointed out that ‘there are over 800 U.S. military bases around the world,’ in addition to the Pentagon’s AFRICOM program, ‘which puts military bases in almost every country on the African continent.’ (According to Pentagon maps published by *The Intercept* in February, there appear to be U.S. bases on 29 of the 54 countries that make up Africa.) Those bases, she said, should be defunded. ‘(Defunding) these particular programs would provide massive amounts of resources for the communities in the United States, and that would mitigate most of the problems that create the so-called problem of crime,’ Ndgo said.”

BLACK LIVES MATTER MARXIST PROPAGANDA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following is excerpted from “Black Lives Matter,” *The Federalist*, July 8, 2020: “New York City is one of many school systems in the United States set to roll out Black Lives Matter (BLM)-themed lesson plans this fall. According to the NYC Department of Education, teachers will delve into ‘systemic racism,’ police brutality, and white privilege in their classrooms. North Carolina’s largest school system in Wake County launched a website this summer that provides BLM lessons for teachers to use in classrooms and for parents to use at home. ... Encouraging people to identify and condemn racism is an undeniably laudable undertaking by these school administrators. That’s not what’s really happening, however. By bringing BLM into the classroom, activist educators are allowing the most radically divisive movement in modern American history to warp children’s worldviews. Wake County’s BLM teaching resource is dressed up as a legitimate civics education resource, complete with tips for



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fostering civil discourse and a section on teaching historical facts about America's civil rights movement. But closer inspection reveals it to be a deliberate Trojan Horse conceived to incubate, amplify, and channel the movement's attitudes for political ends. ... Splashed across the homepage of the Wake County School System's website is BLM founder Pattrisse Cullors. It is puzzling that a self-proclaimed 'trained Marxist,' such as Cullors, would be a role model for the school system's anti-hatred, anti-oppression curriculum. Do these school administrators realize that Karl Marx's road to utopia led to millions of deaths at the hands of tyrants? ... Cullors is a vocal anti-Israel activist and close ally of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan."

AN ALGA THAT FLEXES ITS MUSCLES

The following is from creationmoments.com, June 11, 2020: "A strange alga that has muscle-like tissue illustrates that there are no simple life forms.



Protein muscle fibers, say evolutionists, are a later and more advanced development in living things. Yet these scientists also claim that alga are among the first of the living things to have evolved. The *Mougeotia* alga contains a structure that performs photosynthesis. This structure is shaped like a flat disc. Researchers found that, depending on the brightness and direction of the light, this structure is turned to control the rate at which photosynthesis takes place. Further study indicates that the structure is actually turned by protein fibers that expand and contract just like our muscles to keep everything under control! Here we have two very different structures working together. The disc-like structure that carries out photosynthesis could not function very well at all without the 'muscle' fiber. If the muscle fiber were to evolve without the disc-like structure to control, the fiber would be useless. The individual parts of all living things work together like the individual instruments in an orchestra. They're useless without each other. This example shows that individual structures in living things could not have evolved gradually and individually, over long periods of time. They were created to work together in close harmony! REF.: Wagner, C., W. Haupt, and A. Laux. 1972. 'Reversible inhibition of chloroplast movement by cytocholasin B in the green alga *mougeotia*.' *Science*, v. 176. p. 808."

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