



## Stand Up Nashville

Stand Up Nashville (SUN) has received two consecutive grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) totaling \$95,000. Its most recent grant from the [2020-2021 grants](#) cycle was worth \$50,000.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Nashville	Stand Up Nashville, Inc.	Economic Development	50,000.00

The Lepanto Institute produced a [report featuring Stand Up Nashville \(SUN\)](#) in February of 2021, showing that it and its members were actively involved in the promotion of abortion, LGBTQ ideologies, and Marxism. We'll reproduce the relevant portions of that report at the end of this one for ease of access.

But in addition to what we discovered about SUN (see below), SUN is a member of a radically pro-abortion organization.

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an [FAQ on the USCCB website](#), the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, “CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching.”

## What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Despite that rule, SUN is an [affiliate of Powerswitch Action](#).

**POWER SWITCH ACTION**

ABOUT US   OUR WORK   AFFILIATES

### Our Affiliates

Our work is rooted in our network of 20 grassroots organizations pioneering innovative policy and organizing approaches in cities, counties, and states around the US.

Our affiliates weave strategic alliances and alignments amongst labor, neighborhood, housing, racial justice, faith, ethnic-based, and environmental groups. We organize communities, advocate for policy change, and shift power from corporations to the people whose labor has been exploited and voices excluded.

Together, we're building the people power and people's institutions to realize our collective freedom and liberation.

**STAND UP NASHVILLE**

Nashville, TN

**Stand Up Nashville**

SUN is creating a community, economy, and government for, by, and of the people — Inviting Nashvillians into the decisions that impact our city.

Go to website ›

**United for a New Economy**

Commerce City, CO

**United for a New Economy**

UNE is a multiracial community organization building people power and developing leaders to create a thriving economy in Colorado.

Go to website ›

**WAREHOUSE WORKER RESOURCE CENTER**

Ontario, CA

**Warehouse Worker Resource Center**

WWRC uses education, advocacy and action to improve working conditions in the warehouse industry in Southern California — the largest warehouse hub in the country.

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San Jose, CA

**Working Partnerships USA**

Based in Silicon Valley, WPUSA tackles the root causes of inequality and poverty by leading collaborative campaigns for quality jobs, healthy communities, equitable growth and a vibrant democracy.

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On [July 28 of this year](#), Powerswitch Action published an article on its website slamming the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, saying things like, "denying people safe, legal access to abortion restricts their ability to have any semblance of control over their economic lives," and "This ruling denies women the right to exercise autonomy over their own bodies and health."

At one point in the article, which is written in an interview format, one of the Powerswitch Action representatives implicated all affiliate members saying, "The Supreme Court's decision to

return issues like abortion back to state legislatures changes the battleground. As federal rights are eroded, this is where the importance of state and local organizing comes into play. **Our affiliates and allies know this**—and so do our opponents."

**POWER SWITCH ACTION** ABOUT US OUR WORK AFFILIATES

*The Supreme Court is trying to drag us backwards.*

July 28, 2022

**THE SUPREME COURT IS TRYING TO DRAG US BACKWARDS.**

*What does this mean for our movement?*

### **Previously reported Material on SUN**

Two of Stand Up Nashville's seven [member organizations](#) directly endorse and advocate for abortion as a "right" and are engaged in LGBT activism. If SUN indicated to the CCHD that its member organizations were in compliance with this guideline, then SUN lied. Furthermore, since this is a guideline that is supposed to be verified by the CCHD's "rigorous vetting process," it's clear that the CCHD likewise failed to perform its due diligence.

### **Partnership for Working Families (PWF)**



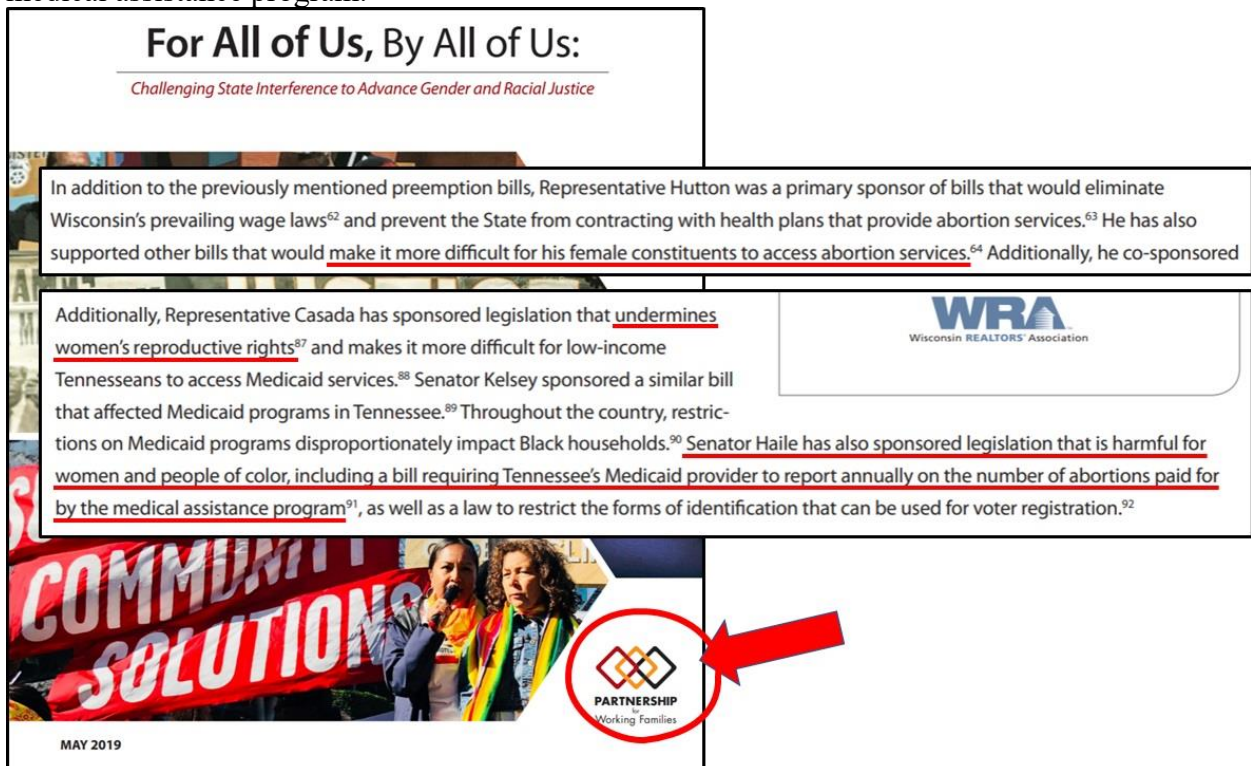
PWF is also identified on SUN's members page as a member organization:



PWF has taken an obvious stand for “reproductive justice” in support of abortion and consistently promotes homosexual activism across all its channels of communications. Some examples:

In 2019, PWF published [a white paper crying against legislation that restricts abortion](#).

On page 15 of the document, PWF complained that Representative Hutton supported bills that would “make it more difficult for his female constituents to access abortion services.” On page 16, PWF accused Representative Casada of undermining “women’s reproductive rights,” and Senator Hale of sponsoring legislation “that is harmful for women” because it requires “Tennessee Medicaid provider[s] to report annually on the number of abortions paid for by the medical assistance program.”



On social media, PWF is actively promoting ideologies and agendas which contravene Catholic moral teaching. This [September 2018 Facebook post](#) echoes a progressive cry against then

Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh for his consistent stand against “reproductive justice.”



Partnership for Working Families

September 28, 2018 · 🌐



We appreciate you Grassroots Global Justice Alliance! 🙌🙌🙌



Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

September 27, 2018 · 🌐

#### GGJ STATEMENT ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Donald Trump is a racist, misogynist and a sexual predator who is using the power of his office to nominate another misogynist and sexual predator, Brett Kavanaugh, to the Supreme Court.

Kavanaugh is a virulent opponent of reproductive justice, LGBTQ, and Disability Rights. These biases alone should discount him from consideration for the highest court of the federal government - a lifetime appointment. To add insult to injury, Kavanaugh has also been accused of sexual assault and being a sexual predator by three women - one of whom, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, is testifying in an open hearing today.

We believe Dr. Christine Blasey Ford. We believe Deborah Ramirez. We believe Julie Swetnick. We believe Anita Hill. We Believe Survivors. Dr. Blasey Ford's courage to step forward and speak about her own experience of sexual assault comes in the wake of the thousands of women and femmes speaking out against sexual harassment and violence with the #MeToo movement. We know the tremendous strength it takes to speak our truths and fight for our survival.

Men's violation of women's bodies, and the bodies of femmes and gender non conforming folks, and their efforts to silence survivors are not new phenomena. Sexual violence supports men's structural and systemic control over women and gender variant people's lives, bodies, labor, and sexuality. Sexual violence upholds patriarchy rooted in the colonial drive to possess, the imperial drive to dominate, the capitalist drive to accumulate, and the white supremacist drive to destroy difference. Trump's nomination of Kavanaugh, if it succeeds, will help the pre-fascist right to prolong these interdependent regimes of oppression that destroy women's humanity.

"I stand with survivors and vehemently stand against the appointment of a sexual predator to the Supreme Court. Everything Brett Kavanaugh stands for is in direct contradiction with gender justice, women's rights, and reproductive justice," says GGJ member Marcia Olivo, Executive Director of the Miami Workers' Center. "He has fought women every step of the way in our movements for equal pay, access to health care, workplace protection, and fair & livable wages for reproductive labor sectors. He has used his power to continue the oppression specifically of low income women of color and low wage workers. He has also used his power and privilege as a man to violently attack and violate women."

It is our duty and moral obligation to stand with and center the voices and truths of sexual assault survivors. We honor the courage of our mothers, radical women of color, reproductive justice and anti-violence movement visionaries, and ancestors who organized, strategized and cleared paths of resistance for us, often under conditions of extreme duress and danger. We know that many of them could not tell their stories, and many survivors still cannot today. We are strengthened by the leadership of survivor advocates like Anita Hill and Tarana Burke, and are in solidarity with the #MeToo movement as survivors ourselves.

In the spirit of the 1,600+ African American women who publicly took a stand with Anita Hill in 1991 and made the pledge "to continue to speak out in defense of one another," so do we stand with Dr. Blasey Ford and Deborah Ramirez as they confront their perpetrator. We stand with all survivors and to paraphrase our sisters' statement from 1991: we defy all efforts from those in power to malign and castigate us for daring to speak publicly of our own experiences of sexual abuse. We will continue to speak out and stand with all survivors of sexual violence until rape culture and patriarchal subjugation are no longer.

#GrassrootsFeminists #BelieveSurvivors

<http://ggjalliance.org/ggj-statement-gender-based-violence>

[This June 28 Twitter post](#) celebrates the



homosexual Stonewall riots, endorsing homosexual activism.

**For Working Families**  
PARTNERSHIP @P4WF  
Living Family

Today is the 50th Anniversary of the [#StonewallRiots](#). We've come a long way. But we won't stop until we all get free. [#Pride](#) [#Stonewall50](#)

From Stonewall To Pride 50: The History Of The Pride Parade  
Pride wasn't always a huge celebration drawing hundreds of thousands of people. Here, we look back at the early Pride parades.  
[refinery29.com](#)

10:15 AM · Jun 28, 2019 · Twitter Web Client

[This June 2015 Facebook post](#) actually celebrated homosexual “marriage.”



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June 26, 2015 · 🌐



#LoveWins <http://www.nytimes.com/.../supreme-court-same-sex...> #EqualityForAll in and out of the workplace!



NYTIMES.COM

### Gay Marriage Is Upheld by Supreme Court

The decision came against the backdrop of fast-moving changes in public opinion, with polls i...

[In an October 2019 Facebook post](#) PWF equated “rights” for all manner of sexual perversions



with “workers’ rights.”

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October 8, 2019 · 🌐

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Lesbian rights are workers' rights  
Gay rights are workers' rights  
Bisexual rights are workers' rights  
Trans rights are workers' rights  
Queer rights are workers' rights

We stand with LGBTQ+ workers. [#RiseUpOctober8th](#)

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**How the LGBTQ rights cases before the Supreme Court affect all Americans**  
If the Trump administration gets its way, the court could destroy sex discrimination law as we k...

**Central Labor Council of Nashville (Nashville CLC)**

Also identified on SUN's membership page is the Nashville CLC.




The screenshot shows the SUN website's membership page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SUN logo on the left and menu items: ABOUT, GET INVOLVED, NEWS, PRESS, and CAMPAI. Below the navigation bar, the word "MEMBERS" is displayed in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the main text is the Central Labor Council logo, which features a blue outline of Tennessee with a white star in the center. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL" in blue, followed by a paragraph: "We are more than 20,000 working families in Nashville & Middle TN, represented by more than 40 affiliated local unions and community organizations. We are united for dignity, respect, and fairness on the job and in our community. Join with us because together we're much stronger than we are alone!" Below this paragraph is a link that says "VISIT SITE" in blue, underlined.

Nashville CLC published several articles pushing homosexual and trans-activism including


- [How LGBTQ Union Activists Transformed the Labor Movement](#) – This article promotes homosexual and transgender activism, especially in the workplace by unions.
- [Intertwined: The Labor Movement and LGBT Rights](#) – This article praises LGBTQ pride, and promotes homosexual activism as a fight for basic human rights.
- [Trumka: The AFL-CIO Must Fight for Trans Lives Inside and Outside the Labor Movement](#) – This article links the LGBTQ Nation website and promotes transgender activism.

Furthermore, Nashville CLC's social media feeds promote homosexual activism including [this June 15, 2020 post](#):


 **Central Labor Council of Nashville & Middle TN**  
June 15, 2020 · 🌐

MAJOR victory for workers!!! This labor movement stands with ALL WORKERS. No one should be harassed, discrimination, unjust treatment, firing, or retaliation just for being who they are. A huge thank you to the workers who took their cases all the way to the Supreme Court. We stand with our LGBTQ+ siblings!

What a good way to celebrate PRIDE month! 🙌🏳️‍🌈

 **Central Labor Council of Memphis & West TN**  
June 15, 2020 · 🌐

All working people deserve to be protected and deserve respect of their personal choices. Your sexual preference nor gender choice should determine whether you deserve to keep your job.



CNBC.COM

**Supreme Court rules workers can't be fired for being gay or transgender**  
The Supreme Court ruled on Monday that workers cannot be fired for being gay or transgender...

And [this post from July 30, 2019](#):

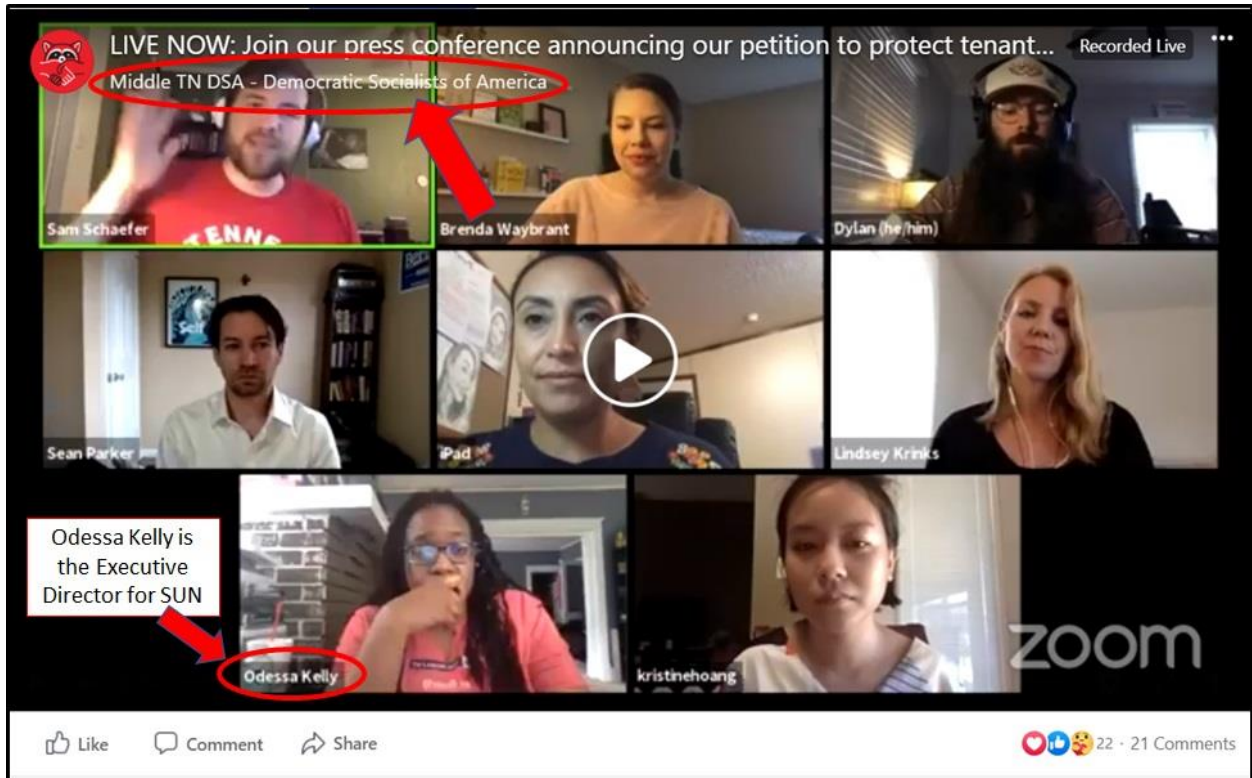




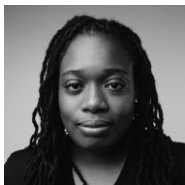
### Stand-Up Nashville (SUN)

Remember, the CCHD demands of each organization that its “**affiliates, partners and coalition members must not endorse or advocate policies and issues that are contrary to Catholic Social Teaching.**” On this basis *alone*, due to the activities of the two member organizations we just profiled, SUN is disqualified from CCHD-funding. But this isn’t the only concern.

In addition to having member organizations that are acting in direct opposition to Catholic moral teaching (in violation of CCHD guidelines), SUN has itself been identified as a front group for the Marxist “Freedom Road Socialist Organization” by both the [Epoch Times](#) and [Key Wiki](#). While we can’t prove this, it is worth noting that SUN has also participated in [conference calls with the Democratic Socialists of America \(DSA\)](#), at least giving weight to what the Epoch Times and Key Wiki alleged:

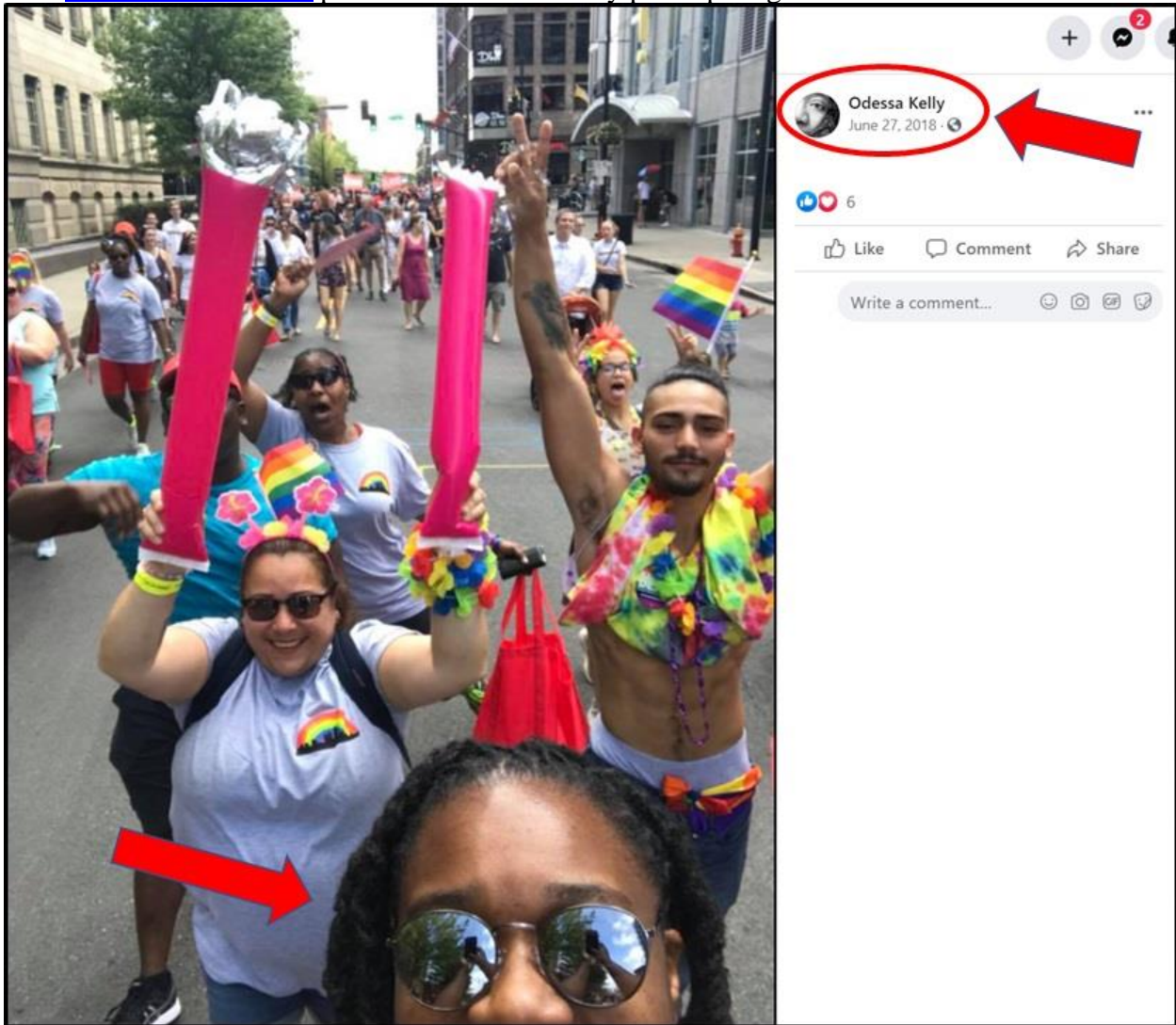


But this really shouldn't be surprising, considering the fact that Stand Up Nashville's executive director and the majority of its board members are heavily involved in the promotion of abortion and LGBT activism.



[Odessa Kelly is SUN's executive director](#), and her Facebook page shows numerous examples of this. For instance:

This [June 2018 Facebook](#) post shows Odessa Kelly participating in the Nashville Pride Parade.

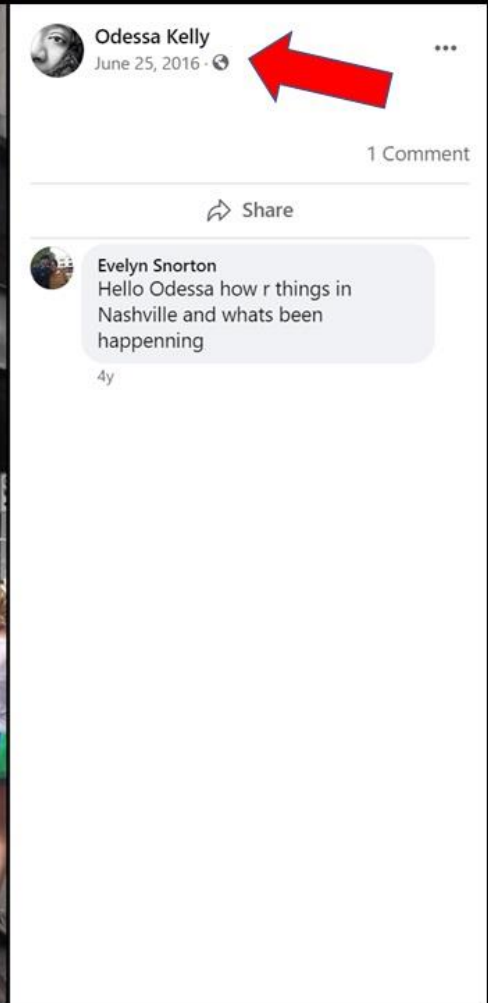


Another [Facebook post](#) from June 2018 is also from the Nashville Pride Parade, this time Kelly is posing with a man in drag.





This [Facebook post from 2016](#) shows Kelly at an earlier Pride parade, establishing a pattern of activity.



The following [video from Kelly's Facebook feed](#) shows her participation at the 2019 Pride Parade, this time filming some provocatively dressed homosexual men as well as some transgender activists.

In 2019, SUN promoted the heavily pro-abortion Women's March, sponsored by Power Together Tennessee (more on them later), on social media. In fact, Odessa Kelly, identified as the executive director for SUN, [was a keynote speaker at the march itself](#):



Stand Up Nashville's board member Charlane Oliver is outspoken in her pro-abortion views. She was featured in the [Black Women's Roundtable](#) discussing *Roe v. Wade*. The central themes of the discussion included "women's health and reproductive rights and the vulnerability of *Roe v. Wade* if Judge Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court."



- MEDIA ADVISORY -

**Black Women to Sound Off on *Roe v. Wade*, Issues with Phil Bredesen**

The Equity Alliance Fund to gather 30 voters for Black Women's Roundtable Sept. 19

**WHO: Governor Phil Bredesen**

Kyonzte Toombs, The Equity Alliance Fund Board President

Charlane Oliver, The Equity Alliance Board President

30 black women voters

**WHAT: Black Women's Policy Roundtable.** In an effort to leverage our collective voice for the November midterm election in Tennessee, The Equity Alliance Fund – the 501(c)4 advocacy affiliate of The Equity Alliance – and its Black Women for Tennessee coalition is hosting a Black Women's Policy Roundtable with Governor Phil Bredesen, candidate for U.S. Senate. The roundtable will gather 30 college-educated, black women registered voters to sound off on issues of concern to them and how they want to see their issues championed by Gov. Bredesen, if elected.

**WHEN: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

**WHERE: Urban League of Middle Tennessee, 50 Vantage Way, Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37228**

**WHY:** As one of the largest and most loyal voting blocs, black women in Tennessee refuse to have their vote and their voice taken for granted. The central issue will be women's health and reproductive rights and the vulnerability of *Roe v. Wade* if Judge Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Viewpoints shared will be related The Equity Alliance's Fund Four-Point Policy Agenda: Economic Equality, Education, Criminal Justice Reform, and Voting Rights/Protecting the Ballot. This is the second of two events scheduled with the Bredesen campaign. The first took place on Saturday, July 14 at City Winery, where Gov. Bredesen addressed an audience of more than 400 black women and community leaders at the inaugural Black Women's Empowerment Brunch hosted by The Equity Alliance.



Stand Up Nashville board member and recent former co-chair of SUN, Anne Barnett, is also involved in homosexual and abortion activism. Her "likes" on Facebook are a strong indication of this:

This [June 24 2017 Facebook post](#) shows participation in a homosexual pride event.

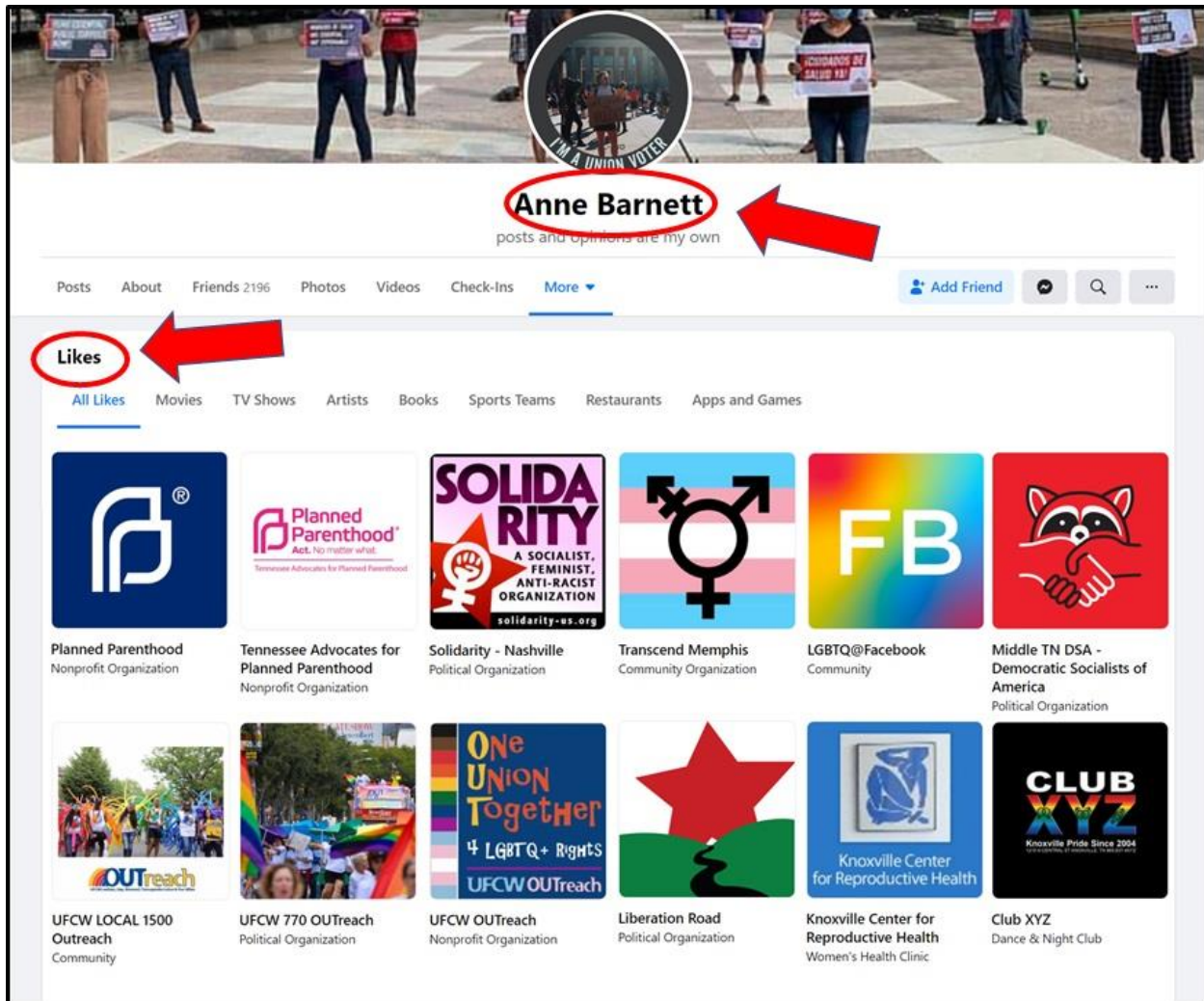


Barnett also [posted this picture](#) that shows an affinity toward communist activism as intertwined with LGBT activism:



Barrett's "[likes](#)" on Facebook include abortion-giant, Planned Parenthood, several LGBT organizations, and Marxist organizations as well:

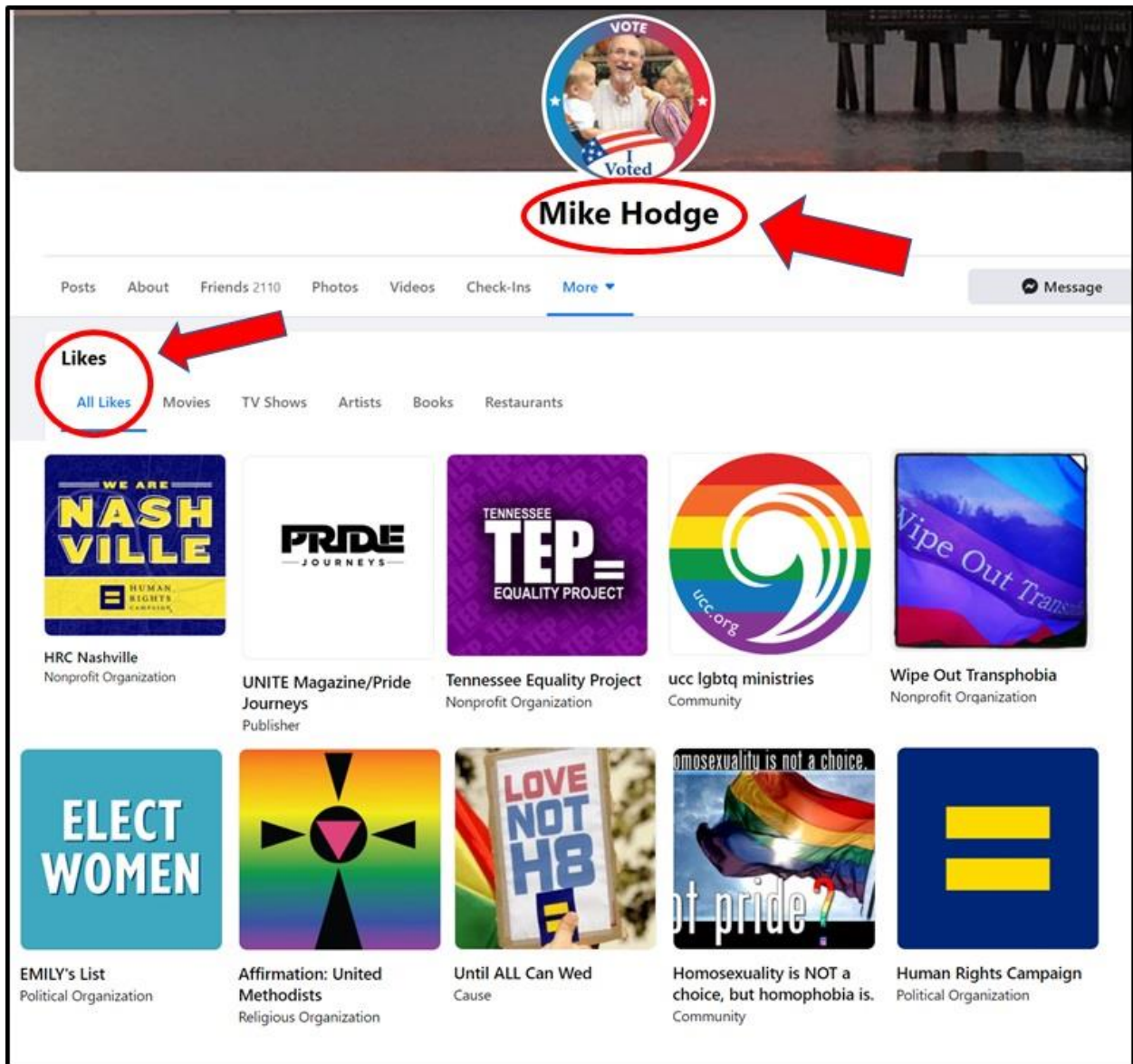




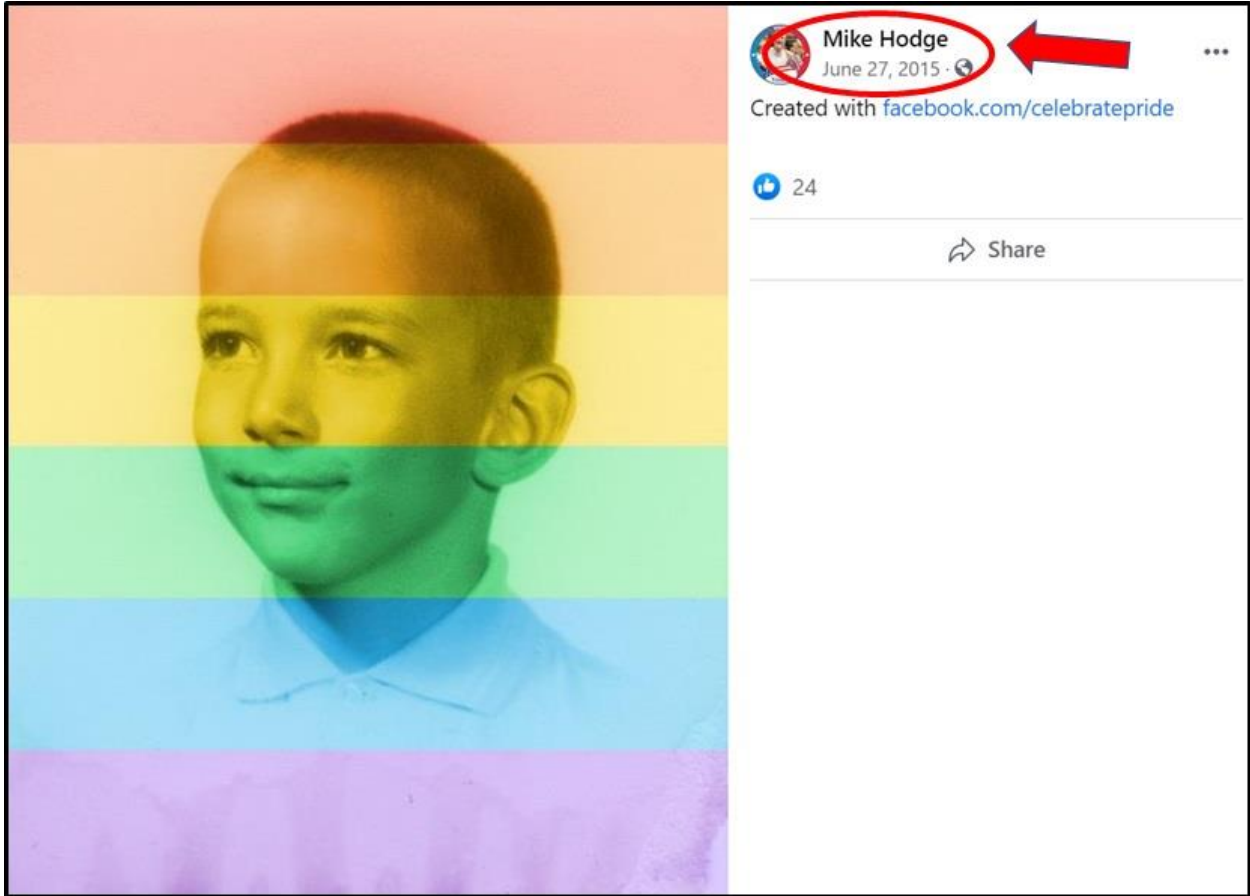
Stand Up Nashville [board member](#) (and lead organizer for CCHD grantee NOAH, more on them in a moment) Mike Hodge's social media likes and posts show strong evidence of homosexual activism.

[Hodge's likes on Facebook](#) include many prominent pro-abortion and homosexual activist organizations –



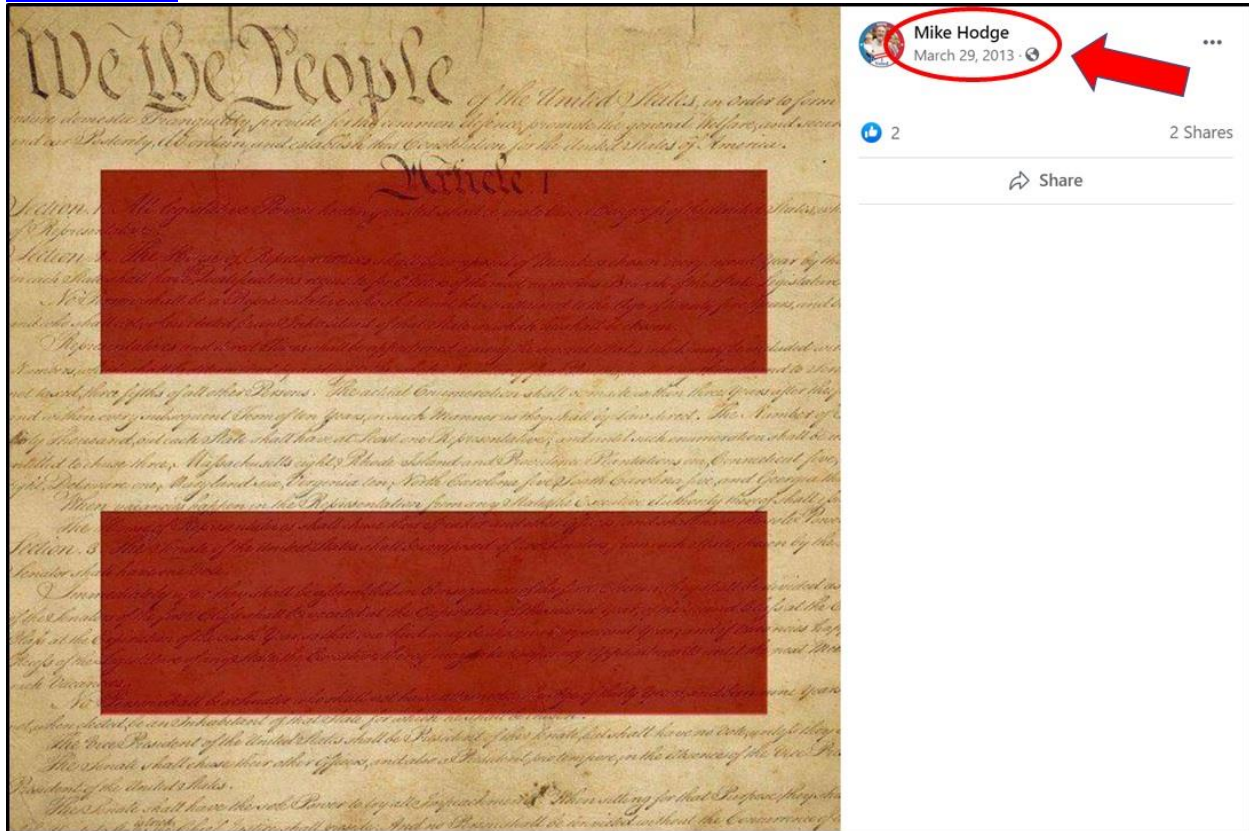


This [June, 2015 Facebook post](#) celebrates the SCOTUS decision legalizing same-sex “marriage”:



In 2013, Hodge [posted an image of the marriage equality symbol over the Constitution of the](#)

[United States:](#)



**Conclusion**

Stand Up Nashville's own coalition members, its leadership, and the organizations of which it is also a member are all engaged in the promotion abortion, homosexual and transgender ideologies, and Marxism. There is no way this organization should have ever been provided a grant from the CCHD, proving once again that the CCHD's vetting process does not work.