

## Resurrection Condemns Deceptive Political Mailers Targeting Texas Children—Demands Action, Accountability, and Resistance Against Hate

**HOUSTON, TX** — October 20, 2026 — As Pastor of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church of Houston, I strongly and unequivocally condemn the reported distribution of deceptive political mailers addressed directly to children in Texas households that invoke transgender and LGBTQ+ student resources while raising serious questions about their authenticity, authorship, and purpose.

According to numerous reports, including FOX 26 Houston, these cowardly mailers were addressed directly to “Students Of The Family” and weaponized the branding and resources of the Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT). TENT has publicly confirmed it did not author, authorize, approve, or distribute these materials. This is a gross, manufactured dirty trick designed to exploit anxiety and turn human lives into political ammunition.

Let me be entirely clear: children must never become props in a political campaign designed to provoke fear, manufacture outrage, or misrepresent the work of organizations serving vulnerable communities.

Political disagreement is a normal part of a democratic society. But **deception, misrepresentation, and the deliberate exploitation of children’s identities and family relationships for political effect are despicable acts of political cowardice.** Whatever one’s political affiliation, we should be able to agree that honesty, accountability, and basic decency are not partisan values. Even Republicans are rightfully calling out these dirty tricks because they recognize that undermining trust and integrity degrades our entire democracy.

What makes this situation particularly troubling is the real, physical danger faced by transgender and LGBTQ+ young people who are already navigating a hostile climate in which their identities and dignity are routinely turned into political talking points. These young people are not abstractions, campaign strategies, or talking points. They are human beings deserving of safety, compassion, and respect.

Those who attack the transgender community do so without knowing the names of victims like **Persia Amarra Conway** and **Vanity Williams**—lives taken right here in the Houston metro area. Their sacred lives and memories demand more than just our remembrance; they demand our relentless, rededicated fight to transform this state and this country into a more just, safe, and inclusive place.

Scripture tells us, “*We cannot be silent.*” Today, that commands us not to be passive in the face of political cowardice and deception. Scripture also reminds us: “*You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free*” (John 8:32).

**We cannot afford to slow down. We must fight back with ballots and belief in God! Here is how we take action right now:**

- **Donate:** Support LGBTQIA+-affirming churches, grassroots advocacy groups, and denominational networks in your community that are on the front lines of defense and care.
- **Volunteer and Join:** Step up. Volunteer with or join a local organization or affirming faith community offering safe spaces and resources to marginalized youth and families.
- **Vote and Mobilize:** Vote like our democracy depends on it—because it does—and take someone with you to the polls to ensure our collective voice is heard this November.
- **Break the Silence:** Talk about this outside your usual circle. Expose these dirty tricks to your neighbors, friends, and colleagues—even across political lines—because basic decency belongs to all of us.

Resurrection will continue to stand with transgender and LGBTQ+ people, their families, and all who are targeted by misinformation and discrimination. We sense our collective victory against hate and the politics of deception this November, and we will not be silent when the dignity of our neighbors is placed at risk.

**Our children deserve better. Our democracy deserves better. And our faith demands better.**

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