

## LEAFLETS SPUR CALL TO FIGHT BIGOTRY

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Civil rights leaders and North Shore clergy are denouncing pamphlets that have cropped up on lawns this past week as "hate trash" authored by the head of a church that conferred honors on the white supremacist gunman whose Midwestern shooting rampage in July left two dead and nine wounded.

The pamphlets, found in Peabody, Lynn, and Swampscott, are 32-page documents filled with "bigoted lies about Jews, African-Americans, and immigrants," said Leonard Zakim, director of the New England office of the Anti-Defamation League.

Members of the clergy on the North Shore, led by the Rev. Eric Nelson of the Greater Lynn Council of Churches condemned the bigotry contained in the pamphlets.

Zakim defended the rights of the World Church of the Creator to publish its views and to bring its religious practice to Massachusetts. But in light of the recent violence against Jews and minorities across the country, Zakim said the document titled, "Facts the government and media don't want you to know" cannot be taken too lightly.

"We don't have the luxury to view it as just a bunch of people handing out leaflets any more," Zakim said.

The pamphlet -- identical to ones distributed in Marblehead in June -- is authored by Matthew Hale, the 27-year-old leader of the World Church of the Creator, who was denied admission to the Illinois bar because of his extremism.

Benjamin Smith, the 21-year-old white gunman who went on a two-state rampage targeting people of color and religious minorities, was a member of the World Church of the Creator and was honored as "creator of the month" after his spree ended in his suicide in the face of police capture.

The pamphlet that Hale authored purports to be an "objective" recitation of little-known facts, which the reader should read with an open mind.

Hale says that Jews are "vampires" who are responsible for the proliferation of violence and explicit sex in the media, which he says is all controlled by Jews. Jews also are responsible for slavery, Hale says.

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