

# Universal Ethician Church

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“HATE CRIMES CONTINUE”

God’s Garden, a botanical preserve managed by The Universal Ethician Church, has once again been invaded by contractors under orders from a homeowners association that is mowing down over 130 species of native plants that the church considers to be sacred to God’s Holy Creation.

The HOA, Waterwood Improvement Association, is under a court agreement to protect native species from harm when they mow the part of the preserve that is under lease to WIA, yet continue year after year to violate both the letter and the spirit of the lease agreement.

The assault on the sensitive native species has allowed invasive Bahia Grass to virtually take over where Gay Feathers, Indian Blankets, Texas Orchids, Silk Grass, Little Blue Stem and other beautiful plants once lived and thrived.

HOA board members, former board members and their associates have repeatedly harassed Ethician Bishop George H. Russell, his family and church members, by

shooting at his vehicles, having him falsely arrested for driving on his own property, maliciously prosecuted, and physically assaulted.

There has been a long standing hatred directed against The Universal Ethician Church partly due to the fact that the sign in front of the Chapel of the Nativity grounds is illustrated with a Star of David, a Christian Cross and a Muslim crescent moon, as the church is open to all persons regardless of ethnicity or religious background.

One WIA board member told Bishop Russell that he hated passing by the Star of David to the extent that he placed his home on the market to be sold since according to him the “Jews killed Jesus”.

Bishop Russell attempted to reason with the person by trying to educate him to the fact that Jesus was Jewish but to no avail. The home is currently under contract to be sold.

The hate and bigotry against the church and its mission to protect and preserve what members believe to be sacred parts of God’s Holy Creation, has gone on for 14 years without abatement.

The church has repeatedly begged the HOA to “cease and desist” from further vandalism of church managed natural areas. Although the native plants have been studied by botanists from several universities and institutions as well as Joe Liggio, the author of the “Bible” on Texas native orchids, WIA consistently votes to destroy native wild flowers before they have had a chance to bloom or while they are in full bloom in many cases.

While 200 or more *Spiranthes* orchids were blooming last December, WIA voted to mow them down. Today, WIA is mowing down Silk Grass before it has even had a chance to bloom.

The Bible is filled with admonitions from God to care for Creation and for humans to be good stewards of the earth. Bishop Russell is mystified about the owner of Hobby Lobby being allowed to dictate the reproductive rights for female employees due to alleged religious beliefs yet The Universal Ethician Church is apparently not allowed to protect and preserve threatened examples of God's Holy Creation as demanded by Scripture.

For further information or to arrange a tour to witness the damages please call Bishop George H. Russell at 936-581-4302 or e-mail him at [ghr@cyberclone.net](mailto:ghr@cyberclone.net).

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George H. Russell, an outspoken opponent of the death penalty, is a resident of Huntsville, Texas, known worldwide as "The City of Death."

He is founder of The Patriot Network, and author of its 35+ web sites located at [www.patriotnetwork.org](http://www.patriotnetwork.org), as well as founder of The Universal Ethician Church, an interfaith ministry with a worldwide following via the church's 275+ web sites located at [www.salvationnetwork.org](http://www.salvationnetwork.org), and founder of The Ethician Foundation, [www.ethicianfoundation.org](http://www.ethicianfoundation.org).

Russell, born May 22, 1945, is a horror film producer, educational video producer, environmental activist, historic preservation specialist, photographer, art and antique collector, philanthropist, American patriot and ethician.

Additional biographical information may be found in *Who's Who in America*, through Internet searches, and in other publications. Images of Mr. Russell suitable for downloading for publication may be found at [www.salvationnetwork.org](http://www.salvationnetwork.org).