

`LOVE LIVES HERE'

Boston Globe, The (MA) - January 2, 2003

Author: Profiles were written by Globe staff correspondents Steven Rosenberg, Angelica Medaglia, Meredith Goldstein, and Kathy McCabe.

When white supremacist Matthew Hale came to town last September, Wakefield residents stood up to hate. But instead of joining a violent protest against a meeting of Hale's World Church of the Creator at the Beebe Memorial Library, Wakefield rallied quietly, but effectively, across town.

"Love Lives Here" was a peaceful call for tolerance and diversity held at Wakefield-Lynnfield Methodist Church. Clergy, residents, and local officials joined together in speech, song, prayers, and expressions of patriotism. The Rev. Katharine Evans, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church; the Rev. Samuel Johnson, a minister at the Wakefield-Lynnfield Methodist Church (right); and residents Wendy Dennis and Robert Hooker (left) were among the organizers. At least 150 people, including some from neighboring communities, attended. The gathering was small, compared to the 600 protesters, at the library. Still, the grass-roots gathering provided a place for people to proclaim love, not hate.

Caption: PHOTO

GLOBE STAFF FILE PHOTO / MARK WILSON

Memo: GLOBE NORTH 1 / 2002 NEWSMAKERS OF THE NORTH / WAKEFIELD

Edition: THIRD

Section: Globe North

Page: 6

Index Terms: NO

Record Number: 0301020234

Copyright (c) 2003 Globe Newspaper Company