RICK WARREN AND INVOKING TEH INAUGURATION

As you may have noticed, a small war has erupted at the mothership over the nature of the invocation at Obama's inauguration on January 20, 2009. Specifically, whether or not it is appropriate for Obama to have Rick Warren participate. The general FDL position is that it is not appropriate to have Warren participate because he is a discriminatory bigot, to the LGBT community and others. I agree with this, but why is any of this — Warren, Lowery, or any other religious figure — an official part of the inauguration?