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**Loudoun's Quilt of Faith  
2008-**

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**Thomas Balch Library  
208 W. Market Street  
Leesburg, VA 20176**

## **USER INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: .85 cu. ft. (15 churches)

COLLECTION DATES: 2008-

PROVENANCE: Christopher Stevenson, Purcellville, Virginia

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Collection open for research

USE RESTRICTIONS: Visual materials may require special handling.

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Digital images

OTHER FINDING AIDS: Past Perfect catalogue records for photographs

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS: Electronic media

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 2008.0141, 2008.0145, 2008.0156, 2008.0179, 2008.0193, 2009.0001, 2009.0052, 2009.0065, 2009.0099, 2009.0113, 2009.0164, 2010.0003, 2010.0154, 2010.0195

NOTES: This is an open collection.

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Loudoun's Quilt of Faith, an inter-faith oral history project begun in 2008, explores the importance of religion in the lives of Loudoun County residents. Conceptualized as part of a national oral history project, America's Quilt of Faith, Loudoun's Quilt of Faith is currently the only active component. Project founder and Loudoun County resident Christopher Stevenson, a physicist, teacher, and engineer by training, was inspired by what he sees as the exceptional role religion played, and continues to play, in the cultural and political life of the United States.

Stevenson points to the United States of America's unique religious experience as fundamental in allowing the emergence of America's twenty-first century religious landscape. He also sees the United States' religious experience as markedly different from the rest of the world -- both advanced and developing nations -- where absence of practicing faith and/or lack of tolerance and religious diversity are hallmarks.

Building on the survey work of institutions like the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life and the 2008 American Religious Identification Survey, Stevenson seeks to capture a snapshot of the diversity of the American religious experience in a narrative format. He developed a template of twenty-eight questions, ranging from salvation and sin to evangelism to the role of religion in revitalizing American families, to which both leaders and congregants of religious communities were asked to respond. These interviews were digitally audio-recorded. In addition, Stevenson and photographer Kim Graham and Heather Lindsey attended worship services, during which Graham photographed congregations actively practicing their faith.

Sources:

America's Quilt of Faith, <http://www.americasquiltoffaith.org/index.html>, accessed 15 September 2008.

Stevenson, Christopher, interview and correspondence with Beth Schuster, September, 2008.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes digital and print photographs, digitally-recorded interviews, and church brochures. It is an open collection; additional materials will be added as they are completed.

Completed:

Bethany United Methodist Church, Purcellville  
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Purcellville

St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg  
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Purcellville  
 King of Kings Worship Center, Purcellville  
 Northern Virginia Baha'i Center, Sterling  
 All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Sterling  
 Abundant Life Church of God, Hamilton  
 Hamilton Baptist Church, Hamilton  
 Hamilton Ward – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hamilton  
 Second Mount Olive Baptist Church, Hamilton  
 Unitarian Universalists of Sterling, Sterling  
 Leesburg Church of the Nazarene, Leesburg  
 Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, Dulles  
 Grace Annex United Methodist Church, Purcellville

### **CONTAINER LIST**

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- Folder 2 Bethany United Methodist Church, Purcellville – Church Information and Bulletins; June 2008
- Folder 3 Bethany United Methodist Church, Purcellville – releases and photo list; June 2008
- Folder 4 St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg – Church Information and Bulletins; June 2008
- Folder 5 St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg – Church Information; June 2008
- Folder 6 St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg – releases and photo list; June 2008
- Folder 7 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Purcellville – Church Information and Bulletins; August 2008
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- Folder 11 King of Kings Worship Center, Purcellville – Church Information, n.d.
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- Folder 18 Hamilton Abundant Life Church of God, Hamilton – releases, no photo list; February 2009
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- Folder 20 Hamilton Baptist Church, Hamilton – releases and photo list; March 2009
- Folder 21 Hamilton Ward - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hamilton – Church Information, n.d.
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- Folder 27 Leesburg Church of the Nazarene, Leesburg – Church Information, October 2009
- Folder 28 Leesburg Church of the Nazarene, Leesburg – Releases and Photo List, October 2009
- Folder 29 Greek Orthodox Parish of Loudoun County, Dulles – Church Information, September 2009
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- Folder 31 Grace Annex United Methodist Church, Purcellville – Church Information, January 2009
- Folder 32 Grace Annex United Methodist Church, Purcellville – Photo List and Releases

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CD 3 Bethany United Methodist Church, Purcellville – Congregation Interviews; 29 June 2008  
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CD 5 Hamilton Baptist Church, Hamilton – service; March 2009  
CD 6 Hamilton Ward – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hamilton – Oral Histories; April 2009  
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CD 8 Second Mount Olive Baptist Church – photographs; June 2009  
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DVD 1 St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg – interviews and photographs; 8 June 2008, 16 June 2008, 14 September 2008  
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