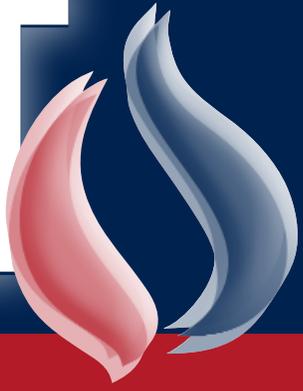


# The LIGHT



## One Nation, Many Faiths

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## The Interfaith Alliance Fights for Religious Freedom in 110th Congress

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For years, thousands of TIA members like you have responded to our calls as we successfully fought right-wing efforts to erode religious liberty. But as you know, the political landscape has changed dramatically since the 2006 midterm elections. For the first time since our inception more than a decade ago, TIA does not expect to play as much of a defensive role as we did in past Congresses. Despite this new opportunity, we still need your voice as we work with the 110th Congress to preserve and expand religious liberty.

Before we look at where we're going, let's consider where we've been. In 2006, we successfully:

- Mobilized more than 5,000 members against the religiously divisive Federal Marriage Amendment, an effort that included a grassroots lobby day and press conference



of religious leaders on Capitol Hill;

- Prevented an expansion of government funded religion through the president's "Faith-Based Initiative" that promotes religious discrimination in federal programs;
- Fought to secure religious freedom in the courts and the military;
- Led a religious coalition and co-filed an *amicus curiae* brief to stop government-sponsored sectarian prayer in public schools; and
- Addressed the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the context of government-funded reimbursements to houses of worship.

Most of the above efforts have been defensive, as we've focused on preventing religious

discrimination, erosions of religious liberty, and expansions of government-financed religion.

In the 110th Congress that convened last month, TIA is focused on working with senators and representatives from both sides of the aisle to more proactively promote religious freedom and pluralism across the nation. We will:

- **Help define the appropriate role of religion in government for new and returning members of Congress.** Our interfaith leadership will work with elected officials to discuss and educate about the appropriate role of religion in politics.
- **Support Congressional oversight of the administration's actions on the "Faith-Based Initiative."** We will urge in-depth investigations focusing specifically on government funds disbursed to religious organizations that discriminate and proselytize with your tax dollars.
- **Support more comprehensive hate-crimes legislation by passing the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act (LLEEA).** This act would expand protected categories to include sexual orientation. LLEEA would also give the federal government additional authority to investigate and prosecute hate crimes.
- **Support the ban on racial and religious profiling by passing the End Racial Profiling Act (ERPA).** The proposed

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## Despite New Congress, Religious Liberty Still at Risk

Dear Friends of The Interfaith Alliance,

After the midterm elections many have said that religious liberty and our Constitution are now safe. Some of my own friends commented that the results must make my job easier. But religious liberty is still very much at risk in America.

The work of The Interfaith Alliance remains clear: we must stay vigilant to renewed attacks, we must continue fighting the erosion of freedom waged in recent years, and we must work to restore the freedoms envisioned by the framers of the Constitution. These freedoms have already been compromised at every level, from city hall to Capitol Hill, from school boards to classrooms, from our courthouses to the White House. As you will read elsewhere in this issue of *The Light*, The Interfaith Alliance will be pursuing an aggressive legislative agenda this year.

Yes, many of those in Congress who were the most militant about compromising religious liberty were defeated. But many others remain. We still have an administration that uses taxpayer dollars to advance favored religious organizations and causes. Many members of Congress—on both sides of the aisle—continue to favor legislation, regulations, and executive orders that sanction religious discrimination in hiring practices and religious proselytization in federally funded programs.

On the other hand, TIA was encouraged by the fact that the religious diversity of Congress is at an all-time high, including the first Muslim member of Congress, Rep. Keith Ellison, as well as two

Buddhist members. With forums across the nation and illuminating publications, TIA's Public Policy and Voter Education Department helped to educate voters about religious liberty issues in the elections with our program, *One Nation, Many Faiths. Vote 2006*.

As you know, The Interfaith Alliance is not an enemy of religion; our mission is to protect religious freedom for all Americans. And we try to promote the positive, healing role of religion in the public square. But we believe that religion and government must remain separate, as the Constitution requires. Crossing that line compromises democracy and threatens the sanctity of religion. In our fight, we stand with Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John F. Kennedy, Dwight Eisenhower, Barry Goldwater, Walter Cronkite, Ronald Reagan, Sandra Day O'Connor, and many other great leaders who believed strongly in the separation of religion and government.

While our Washington staff continues the fight for religious liberty, all across the country our activists and members are working at the state and local levels to strengthen interfaith cooperation in their communities while advocating for religious liberty and the separation of religion and government to their elected representatives.

To better prepare you for that work, I hope many of you will join us at TIA's National Leadership Gathering in Colorado, May 3-6, for our annual grassroots skill-building training. And if you aren't able to join us, you can still be involved. I strongly encourage you to sign the First Freedom First petition enclosed in this newsletter or online at [www.firstfreedomfirst.org](http://www.firstfreedomfirst.org).

Thank you, as always, for your steadfast support.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy  
President



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*As we begin our annual membership drive, I want to thank you for your steadfast support of The Interfaith Alliance throughout 2006. We value your willingness to help us fight for religious freedom, and we look forward to facing the challenges 2007 holds. With that in mind, I'd like to offer you a few helpful suggestions when contacting TIA in regards to your membership or donations.*

- 1) **Please include the return form with your donation.** Each mailing includes a form that lists your name, address, suggested donation amount, and your member ID. By returning this form along with your donation or correspondence, you help us cut down on pledge reminders, duplicate records, or misdirected donations.
- 2) **You have the right to opt in AND opt out.** As a donor, you have the right to tell us how you'd like to be contacted as well as the frequency of that contact. We would rather have a satisfied member than a cancelled member.
- 3) **Matching gifts from your employer are only accepted by The Interfaith Alliance Foundation.** Due to IRS guidelines, only donations given to The Interfaith Alliance Foundation are eligible to be matched by your employer. When you donate to The Interfaith Alliance, your gift is not tax-deductible and won't be matched by your employer.
- 4) **Please add your spouse or partner to your record if you donate together.** This will help me decrease duplicate records and allow me to find the most accurate record when you inquire about your membership or giving history. If you or your family moves, please contact TIA to update your record.

# Religion and Radio, Done Differently: *State of Belief* Celebrates Its First Year on the Air

By **Rev. C. Welton Gaddy**,  
President and Host

One year ago, The Interfaith Alliance Foundation took an economic and programmatic risk by launching *State of Belief* — “religion and radio done differently.”

Broadcast on Air America Radio network, *State of Belief* is unlike any other program on the air. We get behind the issues to see when religion is honestly feeding the public dialogue and when it's being used by politicians as a tool to sway public opinion.

As the host, I have had the pleasure of talking with notable guests like Walter Cronkite and Pat Buchanan; Arun Gandhi and Al Franken; pastors, imams, rabbis, and atheists; U.S. senators and representatives; a former secretary of state and a former United Nations ambassador; journalists and authors; activists and academics; pollsters and campaign managers; and theologians and teenagers.

On *State of Belief*, we have ongoing conversations with individuals from different religions and with others who are not religious. We show that religion is not always as negative or authoritarian as some people perceive. But conversion is not the goal; we simply want to inspire people to work together to build a nation that makes room for all kinds of Americans.

Religion is a key dynamic in the American experience and has been since our nation's



Walter Cronkite in studio



Rev. Gaddy in the studio with Al Franken

inception. In my experience, those who understand religion best don't force religion down anyone's throat. They don't claim divine support for their political agendas. And they actively affirm the enduring moral principles that respect human dignity and the basic values of democracy.

On *State of Belief*, religious Americans can hear secular Americans talking about their moral and ethical beliefs from a non-religious perspective. And those who aren't religious can hear how faith can be a source of vision and reconciliation, not alienation and division.

If religious people want to be understood in public life, we must transcend a narrow, spiritually exclusive vocabulary and speak clearly to a religiously pluralistic and secularly diverse nation. The message must resonate with someone who never takes a step into a mosque, temple, gurdwara, or church. Whether it's on *State of Belief* or when

I'm testifying before a Congressional committee, I talk about the same values, principles, and standards, but I use different language than I would addressing my congregation in Monroe, Louisiana. This approach ensures that the message of The Interfaith Alliance and *State of Belief* will reach the broadest possible audience.

We welcome your critique of *State of Belief*, as well as your praise. Every day I am moved by letters and e-mails from our listeners, which is something I never expected a year ago. Some of the letters have inspired me; some bring tears to my eyes. So many listeners have been wounded by religion and assume it's always hurtful and manipulative. One letter writer confessed, “I had given up on religion, but your program is showing me that you can be religious and not be bigoted, you can be religious and still use your mind and care about issues.” These letters give me hope that *State of Belief*, with the help of listeners and TIA members, will be a positive, healing force for years to come. 🌈



Rev. Gaddy with Senator Patrick Leahy

## NOTABLE GUESTS

Walter Cronkite • Madeleine Albright • Arun Gandhi • Senator Harry Reid  
Former Senator John Danforth • Senator Patrick Leahy • Pat Buchanan  
Al Franken • John Green • Jon Meacham • Krista Tippett • Chuck Todd  
David Kuo • Richard Viguerie • Reza Aslan • Dr. Diana Eck • Michelle Goldberg  
Sam Harris • Susan Jacoby • Esther Kaplan • Kevin Phillips  
Dave "Mudcat" Saunders • Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar • Pastor Joel Hunter  
Rabbi Michael Lerner • Rev. Bill Sinkford • Dr. Andrew Weaver

*State of Belief* wouldn't exist without our listeners. Not just because of your ears, but because of your voices. We want to hear from you, with your comments, your ideas, and your stories. Send us an e-mail at [www.stateofbelief.com](http://www.stateofbelief.com) or call us at (212) 871-8172. We may feature you in one of our “Your Voice” segments or make you a contestant on the *State of Belief* game show, *Choose the News*. *State of Belief – Religion and Radio done differently.*

# Bipartisan Manipulation of Religion and Religious Rhetoric

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**A**lthough a new majority now controls Congress, the political manipulation of religion and religious language has continued in the House and in the Senate, as it did during the midterm elections. With the 2008 presidential election already underway, some politicians need to be reminded that religion is not a political strategy and they must not prostitute the sanctity of religion for personal or political gain.

Taking the advice of misguided consultants, some Democrats unfortunately have adopted tactics and religious language that they think worked for Republicans. They're pumping up their religious language, invoking the name of Jesus, and flaunting their personal faith as if it's a qualification for office. Some consultants even recommend not talking about the constitutional separation of religion and government.

Casting his vote for Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) to be Speaker of the House, Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) proclaimed that he was voting "in the name of Jesus." According to the *Washington Post*, during his swearing

in as president pro tem of the Senate, Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV) amused his colleagues with calls of "amen" and "hallelujah" and "yes, in Jesus's name."

In a welcome contrast, newly elected Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN), the first Muslim in Congress, has proven to be more respectful of the Constitution and religious freedom than many of his colleagues. He told the *Detroit Free Press*, "I'm not here to be a preacher, but in terms of political agenda items, my faith informs me." He said many politicians fail "to explore how religion should connect us; they're into how religion divides us."

Abuse of religion not only diminishes the healing role of religion in public life and weakens democracy, it abandons the genius of our nation's founders who knew from first-hand experience that religion and government would try to manipulate each other. As clearly as the 2006 voters mandated a change of direction in the military occupation of Iraq, they also signaled that politicians should honor the separation of government and religion as mandated by the Constitution.

Citing poorly designed polls after the 2004 election, political consultants and pollsters claimed that "values voters"

overwhelmingly reelected the president and many Republicans, consolidating a majority well into the future. Now, following the 2006 Democratic resurgence, other consultants claim that their use of religious language reversed that trend.

But better designed polls in both 2004 and 2006 verified that all voters make decisions based on their values. When asked what they consider to be values issues, voters ranked the war in Iraq, economic and social justice, corporate greed, and public corruption much higher than the wedge issues of gay marriage, abortion, and stem cell research.

Like their Republican counterparts, some Democratic consultants also tried to identify and organize religious voters as a narrow interest group of bloc voters, like "soccer moms" or "NASCAR dads" or labor unions or small-business owners. This approach is not only cynical, it ignores reality.

Voters from a wide diversity of faith traditions, as well as many who choose no religion, are in every segment of the political spectrum—left, right, and center. All of these voters deserve elected officials who respect their beliefs and have read the Constitution. 

## 110th Congress

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legislation would ban law enforcement from relying on race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion in the selection of individuals for traffic and pedestrian stops, or other routine investigatory activities.

- **Support the federal ban on employment discrimination by passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA).** ENDA would extend basic protections against workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation. Currently, qualified job-seekers can be legally denied employment, fired, or otherwise discriminated

against simply because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

In 2007, TIA needs your support more than ever. With your help, we will succeed by educating and mobilizing your community. And you can impact public policy by contacting your elected representatives to voice your support of LLEEA, ERPA, ENDA, and all of our efforts to preserve and expand religious liberty with the 110th Congress. So keep watching your e-mail inboxes and mailboxes for Religious Liberty Action Alerts in the coming weeks and months. 

## SIGN. SEND. SAFEGUARD.

Protecting religious liberty depends on you. Tell Washington that you support church-state separation by sending us your signed petition. Simply send it to us in the provided postage-free envelope. Everything you need is right here. It's that easy.

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Safeguarding separation  
of church and state,  
protecting religious liberty

# Familiar Faces, New Roles with The Interfaith Alliance

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The Interfaith Alliance is very fortunate to welcome some new leaders to the organization, many of whom are not strangers to TIA.

The board of directors of The Interfaith Alliance announced in December the election of **Rabbi Jack Moline** as its chair. Rabbi Moline is the spiritual leader of Agudas Achim Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia, where he



Rabbi Jack Moline with Denny Davidoff

has presided since 1987. A past president of the Washington Board of Rabbis, Moline currently serves as chair of Social Action for the Rabbinical Assembly. He has a longstanding commitment to social justice and interfaith issues as evidenced by his involvement in organizations such as the

Faith and Politics Institute and Operation Understanding DC. Moline also has served on the TIA board since 1995. He replaces outgoing chair Alexander Forger.

“From my first exposure to The Interfaith Alliance, I knew I had encountered the very best forum where people of diverse faiths could offer their many and collective gifts to the United States,” said Rabbi Moline. “I consider it the highest honor to take my turn representing friends and colleagues in that task.”

**Denise (Denny) Taft Davidoff** has joined TIAF staff as a Senior Consultant and Director of Leadership Education Advancing Democracy & Diversity (LEADD) youth summer camp and educational program. Davidoff was the founding chair of TIAF and is the past Moderator and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

“Denny’s proven commitment to the mission of The Interfaith Alliance Foundation for more than a decade uniquely equips her to help us develop a new generation of leaders who relentlessly seek a proper relationship between religion and politics and passionately defend religious liberty,” said Rev. Welton Gaddy. “LEADD is a top priority for the Foundation that



Ari Geller with Julius B. Weiss

will continue to grow and prosper with Denny’s wise and energetic guidance.”

Ms. Davidoff is currently board chair of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Larger Fellowship, trustee and secretary of the Meadville Lombard Theological School, and a trustee of the World Conference of Religions for Peace.

In December, The Interfaith Alliance promoted **Julius B. Weiss** to director of development. Before joining the staff as deputy director of development last year, Weiss worked in Chicago raising funds and awareness for the Jewish United Fund through congregations and community events.

Rounding out the organization’s new leadership is **Ari Geller**, Director of Communications and Marketing. Prior to joining the staff, Geller served as public relations manager at the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City. He previously spent seven years in Washington, D.C., including five years on Capitol Hill as press secretary to Senator Russ Feingold, and as deputy press secretary to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. 

## Walter Cronkite Faith & Freedom Award Gala a Record-Breaking Success

On November 1, 2006, more than 300 supporters of The Interfaith Alliance convened in New York City to celebrate with Walter Cronkite on his 90th birthday. George Clooney was honored as he received our 9th annual Faith & Freedom Award for

his humanitarian work and promotion of democratic values.

The gala was filled with excitement as guests shared a wonderful evening with Mr. Cronkite and Mr. Clooney. The record-breaking event raised more than \$200,000 in support of our work.

If you would like to see more photos or video clips from the evening, please log on to [www.interfaithalliance.org](http://www.interfaithalliance.org) or e-mail Director of Development Julius Weiss at [jweiss@interfaithalliance.org](mailto:jweiss@interfaithalliance.org). 



Mr. Cronkite blows out candles at his 90th birthday celebration with The Interfaith Alliance Foundation.



Mr. Clooney greets TIA activist Rev. Mark Lukens and event co-sponsor Mr. Helio Fred Garcia at the gala.



Mr. Clooney receives the Faith & Freedom Award from Mr. Cronkite and Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy.

## LEADDeing the Way

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Last summer, The Interfaith Alliance Foundation (TIAF) launched an exciting new program called Leadership Education Advancing Democracy and Diversity, or LEADD. The intensive summer youth program and camp brought together 30 young adults from 14 states across the country. The program was designed to teach and reinforce the importance of the First Amendment while providing real-life experiences in democracy, pluralism, and activism.

TIAF formed LEADD in response to an apparent disillusionment among young people about their First Amendment rights. In 2005, a *Future of the First Amendment* study revealed:

- Three of every four students do not think about the First Amendment or say they take its rights for granted.
- Thirty-five percent of 100,000 high-school students surveyed thought that the First Amendment “goes too far” in the rights it guarantees.
- Nearly a quarter did not know enough about the First Amendment to give an opinion.

TIAF recognizes the importance of high schoolers' attitudes about the First Amendment. Each generation of citizens



Sarah Akhtar bonds with fellow LEADDer Darrow Pierce.

helps define what freedom means in our society. And while the wording of the First Amendment does not change, how we interpret it does. The impact of education on this understanding is profound.

The LEADDeers represented a dozen religions or belief systems including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Unitarian Universalism, Buddhism, and Jainism, as well as atheists, agnostics, and humanists.

“I thought it was an excellent opportunity to have all these teens from across the country come together,” said LEADD student Sarah Akhtar. “There are people with such different backgrounds, religions, and experiences. It’s been great to learn from each other, learn about each other, and learn to work together to solve common problems,” said Akhtar, who is Muslim.

Academic sessions taught students about America’s rich religious diversity and the importance of the First Amendment to pluralism. Students had many opportunities to engage one another during special events such as films, speakers, and trust walks. And the bonds formed between the students are already paying dividends.

When Sarah and fellow LEADDer Katherine Calderwood returned home to Fresno, California, they formed The Interfaith Youth Alliance. The organization held its first meeting in January, which brought students together from about a half-dozen local high schools. The group is in the process of forming clubs at each of their schools. The youth alliances will operate under a larger umbrella group, collaborating on community projects. The Interfaith Youth Alliance is trying to recruit 1,000 members by the end of the year through outreach at local high schools and other religious youth groups, she said.

In addition to outreach and projects, the group also will examine their differences to better understand their religious traditions and values. “There is a lot of religious intolerance,” Calderwood, who is Methodist, said of her high school. “It is very Christian, almost imposingly so.”

LEADD is an utterly unique experience. While there are interdenominational camps and other forums that focus on Jewish, Christian, and Muslim relations, no other existing camp brings together young people so fully representative of America’s diversity to study pluralism in its constitutional context with First Amendment education. The 2007 LEADD program is scheduled for August in Maryland. To apply, e-mail Shantá Gray at [sgray@interfaithalliance.org](mailto:sgray@interfaithalliance.org) or call (800) 510-0969 for more information.

*Study conducted by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation's High School Initiative*

**LEADD is a week-long summer camp sponsored by The Interfaith Alliance Foundation that empowers high-school students to become informed and engaged citizens in our religiously diverse nation.**



The inaugural camp, held August 2006, brought together 30 diverse high-school students from across the country. The participant LEADDeers learned about the importance of protecting religious freedom and promoting pluralism from educators, policy experts, and TIAF staff. During the 2006-07 academic year, LEADD alumni will be implementing their action plans to advance democracy and diversity in their communities. Check out their action plans at [www.weLEADD.org](http://www.weLEADD.org).

If you are interested in learning more about our 2007 LEADD summer camp, please contact our Field Services Coordinator, Shantá Gray, at [field@interfaithalliance.org](mailto:field@interfaithalliance.org).

## New Congress Welcomes First Muslim and Two Buddhists LDS and Jewish Members Increase Number, Prominence in 110th Congress

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Religious diversity gets a boost in the 110th Congress, whose members include for the first time two Buddhists and a Muslim, as well as more Jews than Episcopalians. The new Congress also features the highest-ranking Mormon in the history of the institution.

As is the case with American political life, these firsts have been both notable and controversial.

Newly elected Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) becomes the first Muslim ever to serve in Congress. His decision to use the Qu'ran instead of the Bible to take a ceremonial oath of office drew sharp public criticism from veteran House member Virgil Goode (R-VA).

Goode's comments that associated Islam with illegal immigration – though Ellison is a native of the United States – raised eyebrows among those committed to religious pluralism in this country. Ellison's choice to use an historical copy of the Qu'ran formerly owned by Thomas Jefferson can be read as a symbolic reply to Goode's public and divisive diatribe.

Political scientist John Green of the University of Akron sees important meaning

	TOTAL IN CONGRESS	% OF CONGRESS	% OF U.S. POPULATION
Christian (all)	481	90.1	71.6
Catholic	155	29	24.5
Baptist	67	12.5	16.3
Methodist	61	11.4	6.8
Presbyterian	44	8.2	2.7
Jewish	43	8	1.3
Episcopalian	37	6.9	1.7
LDS (Mormon)	16	3	1.3
Unaffiliated	6	1.1	14.1
Buddhist	2	0.4	0.5
Muslim	1	0.2	0.5

*A sample of religious faiths self-reported by members of the 110th Congress.*

*Sources: Congressional Quarterly, American Religious Identification Survey, and Washington Post.*

in the election of a Muslim – albeit one who is not of Middle Eastern descent. (Ellison is an African-American who converted to Islam as a 19-year-old student at Wayne State University in Detroit.) “It may very well be the harbinger of greater acceptance of Muslims in the future,” Green told Religion News Service.

In contrast with the controversy surrounding Ellison's election, the addition of two Buddhists to the Congressional ranks has been a quiet affair. Neither Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI) nor Hank Johnson (D-GA) has publicly spoken in great detail about their religious affiliation. Hirono told Gannett News Service that she does not “actively” practice Buddhism, but was raised in the tradition and is influenced by its principles and ideas. She chose not to use any religious book for the symbolic swearing-in at the beginning of the session. Johnson, who became Buddhist decades ago, used a Bible.

Not all firsts in the new Congress are strictly related to head count. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) also

increased its influence. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) assumes the highest rank of any Mormon in Congressional history. Reid, along with former Massachusetts governor and aspiring presidential candidate Mitt Romney, exemplifies a rising profile for LDS church members in American politics.

According to data compiled by the *Washington Post*, there are 33 different faith traditions represented among the 535 members of the 110th Congress. Catholics remain the largest single group, with 155 members. Mainline Protestant denominations are next in number – Baptists (67 members), Methodists (61) and Presbyterians (44) – followed by Jews (43). At the low end of the head count, there is one Unitarian in each body of Congress, and a lone Quaker who serves in the House.

Not all members of Congress define their religious affiliation in terms of a particular denomination; 44 identify themselves simply as “Protestant.”

Bucking current political trends, six members of Congress list no religious affiliation. 

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