

## **LGBT-012 Anonymous Collection**

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### **COLLECTION REGISTER**

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### **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

This collection was donated anonymously by an individual associated with the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of the Spirit in Harrisburg, PA. This collection is made up of four series: Newspaper Clippings, Lancaster Anti-Discrimination Law 1991, Central PA Pride Festival 1996, and Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit.

The Newspapers Clippings series documents issues such as same-sex marriage, the relationship between local churches and LGBTQ+ individuals, LGBTQ+ activism, and discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals. The majority of newspaper clippings are from Central PA newspapers published between 1991 and 2009. The Lancaster Anti-Discrimination Law 1991 series contains photocopies of newspaper clippings that deal with a debate that took place in 1991 regarding a Lancaster City ordinance banning discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals.

This Central PA Pride Festival 1996 series contains documentation regarding the planning of Central PA Pride Festival 1996, and the Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit series contains a program from a Celebration of Community event held at the MCC of the Spirit on March 21, 2004.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### Series 1 Newspaper Clippings

#### 1.01 *Baltimore Gay Paper* (Baltimore, MD) (see oversized OBS)

- 1.01.01        “Harrisburg Pennsylvania: Despite its small town character, gay community thrives in state capital ” – Mar. 3, 1995  
                  “Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Community leaders working hard to advance sense of pride” – Mar. 17, 1995

#### 1.02 *The Daily Item* (Sunbury, PA)

- 1.02.01        “Valley activist an entry in book: Gay civil rights leader’s name in ‘Who’s Who in America’” [photocopy] – Dec. 14, 2003

#### 1.03 *Daily Record* (York, PA)

- 1.03.01        “Here, they ‘know they’re welcome’: A York church opened its doors Sunday to homosexuals looking for places to pray” [photocopy] – Mar. 18, 1996  
                  “Spin your partners: Gay men, lesbians start York group” [photocopy] – Nov. 1, 1996

#### 1.04 *The Etownian* (Elizabethtown, PA)

- 1.04.01        “Speakers discuss issue of same-sex marriage” – Apr. 16, 2004

#### 1.05 *Intelligencer Journal* (Lancaster, PA)

- 1.05.01        “Gay church finds a home in Mountville” – Apr. 21, 1993/ “Mountville doesn’t put welcome mat out for gay church,” [last couple of sentences cut off of end of article] [photocopy] – Apr. 27, 1993  
                  “Past is prologue in Mountville Church issue” [photocopy] – Apr. 29, 1993  
                  “E – town director defends policy: Bowen hopes policy ends district’s pro-family resolution controversy” – Feb. 15, 1997

#### 1.06 *Lancaster Daily News* (Lancaster, PA) (see oversized OBL)

- 1.06.01        “Singleness raises difficult issues for gays” – Oct. 4, 1998

#### 1.07 *Newsweek*

- 1.07.01        “Ignorance is Not Bliss” [photocopy] – Jul. 5, 1993

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1.08 New York Times

- 1.08.01 "Parade Permit Will Benefit Gay Marchers/St. Patrick's Permit Will Help Gay Marchers" – Jan. 9, 1993

1.09 New Voices (see oversized OBS)

- 1.09.01 "Karen Layman: Bringing Religion into the 90's" – Apr. 1994

1.10 Orange County Register (Orange County, CA) (see oversized OBL)

- 1.10.01 "Christian and gay: Religious views on homosexual issues" – Apr. 29, 1997

1.11 Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA)

- 1.11.01 "Church snubs chorus with gays: York pastor defends refusal to rent for concert by city group" – Sep. 21, 1994  
"Homosexuality clearly is condemned in Scripture" – Dec. 23, 1995
- 1.11.02 "Gay bashing denigrates GOP race" – Feb. 20, 1996  
"School clubs banned after gays ask for one" – Feb. 22, 1996  
"Ruling on gay ordinations to fuel more debates" — May 20, 1996  
"Pair of policies put forth in Elizabethtown: Bowen, Parsons propose leaving questions about homosexuality to parents" – Nov. 13, 1996
- 1.11.03 "Love is no cover for behavior that violates God's law/Hate sin, love sinner/Don't turn your back/Selective use of Scripture" – Jul. 13, 1998  
"Inclusive commandment" – July 24, 1998  
"Telling the truth about homosexual behavior" – July 24, 1998  
"Transsexual can finally live life as female" – Jul. 28, 1998
- 1.11.04 "In Lynchburg, Va. . . . Falwell Meets with Gays" – Oct. 24, 1999  
"Falwell urges love gays, all others" – Oct. 25, 1999
- 1.11.05 "State will log names of those with HIV" – Jun 14, 2002  
"The Rev. Mychal Judge: Ally & first official fatality of World Trade Center attack" – Sep. 10, 2002

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1.11 Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA) (cont.)

- 1.11.06 “Gay rights advocates rally” – Apr. 30, 2003  
“Lebanon teen’s suicide inspires film on gay life” [photocopy] –  
Mar. 30, 2003  
“Hurtful comments” – May 5, 2003  
“A bigot is a bigot” – May 6, 2003  
“Same-sex Unions” – Aug. 3, 2003  
“No concept of love” – Dec. 10, 2003
- 1.11.07 “500 gay couples await N.Y nuptials” – Feb. 29, 2004  
“Gay marriage amendment has backers, foes in area” – Feb. 29, 2004  
“How big an issue is gay marriage” – Feb. 29, 2004  
“Letters to the Editor: Ban imposed on gays won’t aid marriage/Other  
Bible teachings/No one else’s business/It’s all overrated/Extend marriage  
rights” – Mar. 1, 2004  
“Trash reporting/Be more respectful/Phelps no example of real  
Christianity/Playing into his hand” – Mar. 21, 2004
- 1.11.08 “Gays plan to protest same-sex measure” – Jun. 28, 2004  
“Gays gear up to fight for rights” – Nov. 9, 2004  
“A gay citizen tells what he really wants” [photocopy] – Nov. 11, 2004
- 1.11.09 “‘She’s been there for anyone’: Pastor of church that welcomes gays  
resigns” – Feb. 16, 2009
- 1.11.10 “Contempt for gays cuts across racial divide” – undated  
“Satisfying relationships require working with and trusting other” –  
Undated
- 1.11.11 see oversized OBS  
“‘God love everyone’ Inclusiveness encouraged at city church” –  
Oct. 10, 1992  
“After 16 years, their own worship site” – Jun. 29, 1996  
“Gay teen, family feel forced to move” – Sept. 1, 1996  
“To say homosexuality is God-given strains science, belief’/ “Gospel of  
hate being preached against homosexuals” – Jul. 6, 1998  
“Christian ministry preaches ‘sexual conversion’” – Aug. 29, 1998  
“Christians struggle with homosexuality issue” – Nov. 27, 1999  
“Room for everyone: Some midstate churches welcome same-sex  
couples” – Nov. 28, 1999  
“Pickets draw counterprotesters” – Mar. 22, 2004

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1.12 Philadelphia Gay News (Philadelphia, PA)

- 1.12.01 “Names reporting to being Oct.18” – undated  
“Whose God do you serve” – undated

1.13 Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH)

- 1.13.01 “Gay churches rejected by national council” – Nov. 13, 1992

1.14 Presbyterian Layman

- 1.14.01 “State clerk will not enter gay rights case” – Sep./Oct. 1996  
1.14.02 see oversized OBS  
“‘Study resource’ promotes homosexual ‘ordination rights’” –  
May/Jun. 1994  
“Ministers ‘not permitted’ to bless same-sex unions” – Jul./Aug. 1994

1.15 Publishers Weekly

- 1.15.01 “Viking Welcomes to List Lesbian Army Nurse” [photocopy] –  
Jun. 6, 1994

1.16 Sun National

- 1.16.01 “Anti-gay amendment struck down” [second page missing] – [1996]

1.17 USA Today

- 1.17.01 “Coloradans resent gay-rights boycott, poll says” – Jan. 4, 1993  
1.17.02 see oversized OBL  
“Supreme Court upholds gay rights; punitive damage awards restricted” –  
May 21, 1996  
“Lesbian Activist Blaze Trail for Half Century – Mar. 4, 2004

1.18 York Dispatch / Sunday News (York, PA)

- 1.18.01 “Gay-rights ordinance would be in minority” – Jan. 10, 1993  
“Same-sex kisses bump cable show,” [photocopy] – Jun. 24, 1998  
“YCAT board should act like adults,” [photocopy] – Jun. 26, 1998  
“Gay kiss protest growing,” – [Jun. 1998]  
1.18.02 “Gay rights: Does York need to protect its sexual minorities” –  
Jan. 10, 1993 (see oversized OBS)

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1.19 Publication Unknown

- 1.19.01 "Court allows transsexual's name change" – undated  
"Mark Bingham" – undated  
"Sense & Censorship" 'Gay York' kissing show wasn't obscene"  
[photocopy] – undated  
"State's top court OKs same -sex adoption" – undated  
"Supreme Court strikes down Colorado anti-gay amendment" – undated  
"CHURCH/Congregation finds home," [first page missing] [photocopy] –  
undated

**Series 2 Lancaster Anti-Discrimination Law, 1991 [photocopies]**

- 2.01 "City eyes new anti-discrimination rule," *New Era* – May 13, 1991  
"Sexual orientation bias banned in city," *Intelligencer Journal* – May 15, 1991  
"Anti-bias law OK'd by city after debate on homosexuality," *New Era* –  
May 15, 1991  
"City's ban on sex bias angers county," *Intelligencer Journal* – May 30, 1991  
"Fogging the issue," *Sunday News* – Jun. 9 1991
- 2.02 "Fisher will propose compromise tonight on sex-bias dispute," *New Era* –  
Jun. 10, 1991  
"City might create a gay rights law," *New Era* – Jul. 9, 1991  
"City, county lawyers reject compromise," *New Era* – Jul. 22, 1991  
"City will review plan for enforcing new law," *New Era* – undated  
"City, county, will face off over sex bias ban," *Intelligencer Journal* –  
Jun. 1, 1991
- 2.03 "County may quit Human Relations," *New Era* – May 30, 1991  
"Countians vote strong 'No!' to City Council's pro-gay law as 500-plus answer  
Era poll," *New Era* – Jun. 26, 1991  
"New Era Poll Results: County residents support for commissioners  
overwhelming, city residents far less enthusiastic," *New Era* –  
Jun. 26, 1991  
"City replies to county: sex-bias law won't be axed," *New Era* [not in file] – Jun. 26, 1991  
"Mediator eyed in sex bias law fight," *Intelligencer Journal* [picture on second  
page] – Jun. 11, 1991

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**Series 2 Lancaster Anti-Discrimination Law, 1991 [photocopies] (cont.)**

- 2.04 “County finalizes split on city sex bias stand,” *Intelligencer Journal* –  
Aug. 15, 1991
- “Text of statement” [Various statements about the sex – bias law], Publication  
Unknown – undated
- “Opinions from supporters of county commissioners/ Most county residents  
oppose city council law / Why many county backers favor a referendum / But most  
county backers oppose referendum ... [Public comment via ballots]” – Publication  
Unknown – undated

**Series 3 Central PA Pride Festival, 1996**

- 3.01 Central PA Pride Festival planning meeting materials – Mar. 20, 1996
- 3.02 Central PA Pride Festival vendor registration – Summer 1996  
Central PA Pride Festival participation check list – Jul. 19, 1996  
How to Get to PA Pride Festival – [Jun. 1996]
- 3.03 Central PA Pride Festival brochure – Jul. 27, 1996
- 3.04 Ticket stubs – [Jun. 1996]  
Taylor Rental receipt – Jul. 30, 1996

**Series 4 Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit**

- 4.01 Celebration of community program – Mar. 21, 2004