Who has the most confidence in U.S. elections?

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Source: The Gallup Center for Muslim Studies.

Christians support Muslims

When an arsonist set fire to a Muslim mosque in Toledo, Ohio, this past September 30, the Christian community expressed their outrage and vowed to do what they could to help the Muslims. “Any attack on a house of worship, no matter what faith, is deplorable,” said Steve Anthony, the executive director of Toledo Area Ministries. “We should respect each other's houses of worship.” His organization represents 125 Christian churches and other nonprofit organizations. Sprinklers put out the fire, but water damage to the floor and ceiling will take about three months to repair.

—Christian Century

Atheists' church bulletins?
Prudhomme’s Lost Cajun Kitchen restaurant in Columbia, Pennsylvania, wanted to attract more business on Sunday afternoons, so they offered a 10 percent discount to customers who showed up with a church bulletin in hand. However, atheist John Wolff felt that he was being discriminated against since he didn’t attend church, so he complained to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. The commission agreed with Wolff and instructed the restaurant that, as long as they continue the Sunday discount program, they must accept “any bulletin from any group oriented around the subject of religious faith,” including atheism and Islam. Both sides claim to be pleased with the settlement.

—Christian Post

**Amish vs. traffic laws**

Until recently, Kentucky law required slow-moving vehicles to display a fluorescent orange triangle on its back bumper. However, eight men belonging to the conservative Old Order Swartzentuber Amish refused to put the triangle on the back of their buggies because they consider triangles to be symbols of the Trinity. The case eventually reached the Kentucky Supreme Court, which on October 25, 2012, upheld the men’s convictions. However, the Kentucky legislature came to their aid by requiring that instead of a triangle, they could put white or silver reflective tape on the backs of their buggies.

—Church & State

**Church closed**

Several years ago a Christian church in Bogor City, Indonesia, obtained a building permit and put up a building. However, Muslim citizens complained that the permit was illegal. In April 2010, the mayor and local courts agreed and closed the church. In December 2010, the Indonesian Supreme Court ruled in the church’s favor, but Mayor Diani Budiarto refused to allow the church to move into the building. In a meeting this past September, the city instead recommended that the church move to a site seven kilometers away, but the church refused. A spokesman for the church said that “no matter where, no matter how beautiful or how expensive the new location, we will not accept,” because if the church was evicted, it would mean the end of the rule of law in Indonesia.

—Open Doors

**Supreme Court Nativity display**

This past December 5, a Nativity scene, complete with a live camel and donkey, was displayed at 10:30 a.m. in front of the United States Supreme Court. The sponsors of the project were Faith and Action and the Christian Defense Coalition (CDC). Participants in the event included people dressed as Joseph and Mary, Baby Jesus, and the three wise
men. They sang Christmas carols as they walked past the Supreme Court building. Permission for the display, which lasted about 30 minutes, was obtained from the U.S. Capitol Police Board. Patrick Mahoney, director of the CDC, said, “Simply stated, if we are granted a permit to display a nativity scene in front of the United States Supreme Court, then every person [ought] to be able to display one in their own community.”

—CharismaNews

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