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# **McCollough (Charles L.) Collection**

## **An inventory of Charles L. McCollough at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Stage
<b>Title:</b>	Charles L. McCollough Collection
<b>ID:</b>	015
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1967-1999
<b>Physical Description:</b>	00 linear feet; 00 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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Charles Leon McCollough was born in Washington, DC on March 12, 1941 to his parents Bishop Walter McCollough and Clara B. McCollough. He graduated from Cardozo High School where he lettered in track. He then joined his father as a Minister at his father's church, the United House of Prayer for All People. His father, "Sweet Daddy" McCollough was the leader of a congregation that included millions of members around the country. Ordained in 1967, Charles was a pastor at the United House of Prayer from 1975 to 1992.

In 1991, Walter "Sweet Daddy" McCollough died. It was assumed that Charles would take over as Bishop of the House of Prayer. However, he lost the election for Bishop to S. C. Madison amid cries of a rigged election. He filed a lawsuit challenging the results, but it was dismissed as an ecclesiastical matter that the court would stay out of. Charles was subsequently stripped of his position as pastor in the United House of Prayer. Charles continued to allege other abuses by Bishop Madison, including the swindling of property from Charles' late father and the refusal of the church to allow Clara to be interred in her husband's mausoleum at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Charles, his wife Marjorie Colee (nee. July 25, 1943), his son Charles, jr. (nee. October 4, 1970), and daughter Marjorie Clarissa McCollough-Jackson (nee February 25, 1966) established the Believers in Christ Ministries and conducted efforts on behalf of the poor in Washington, DC, including Thanksgiving Baskets, toys at Christmas, tutoring programs, and anti-drugs programs.

Charles died on June 22, 1996 at the age of 55, of a heart attack, which he suffered after eulogizing his late nephew David Robinson.

(Information taken from Obituary, Washington Post, June 28, 1996, C4.)

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of records that document the Ministry and life of Charles L. McCollough, Pastor of the United House of Prayer. Documents include: clippings, correspondence, speeches, sermons, meeting minutes and agendas, youth program information, certificates and awards, and photographs.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Custodial History

The collection was donated to the DC Community Archives by Charles L. McCollough's widow, Marjorie C. McCollough in 1997.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- City churches

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Correspondence

#### Scope and Contents

Correspondence in this series consists of letters to C. L. McCollough, letters to members of his family and letters from members of his family.

Title/Description	Instances	
Death of C. L. McCollough, 1996	Box 1	Folder 1
Rev. Edward Cooks, 1994	Box 1	Folder 2
Walter E. Fauntroy - Clergy Advisory Committee, 1989	Box 1	Folder 3
Fort Lincoln Cemetery: Mausoleum, 1992	Box 1	Folder 4
Letters from City Council, 1993	Box 1	Folder 5
Receipt for Telegram to MLK Jr. Family after Assassination, 1968	Box 1	Folder 6
Rabbi Jeffrey A. Wohlberg, 1989	Box 1	Folder 7

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### Series 2: Holy Land

#### Scope and Contents

This collection consists of clippings, an itinerary, and memorabilia from Walter McCollough and Family's trip to the Holy Land in 1967. It includes postcards and photographs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bishop Walter's Trip to Holy Land, 1967	Box 1	Folder 8
Christmas Card from the Holy Land, Undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Itinerary, 1967	Box 1	Folder 10
The Kibbutz, 1967	Box 1	Folder 11
Photographs (two), 1967	Box 1	Folder 12
Postcards, 1967	Box 1	Folder 13

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### Series 3: Sermons

## Scope and Contents

This series contains full sermons and sermon notes used by C. L. McCollough. The sermons are arranged alphabetically by their title or subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
17 Things Listed, Undated	Box 1	Folder 14
Christ Our Passover, Undated	Box 1	Folder 15
Continuing Adventure with God, Undated	Box 1	Folder 16
Cycles of Birth and Death, Undated	Box 1	Folder 17
Death, Undated	Box 1	Folder 18
A Faith By Which to Die, Undated	Box 1	Folder 19
Funerals, Undated	Box 1	Folder 20
God is for Us, Undated	Box 1	Folder 21
God Will Provide, Undated	Box 1	Folder 22
Habbuk the Profet, Undated	Box 1	Folder 23
Holy Ghost, Undated	Box 1	Folder 24
Jehovah, Undated	Box 1	Folder 25
Jesus and Death, Undated	Box 1	Folder 26
Marshall Heights, 1991-1992	Box 1	Folder 27
Motherhood, Undated	Box 1	Folder 28
A Mother's Prayer, Undated	Box 1	Folder 29
Passover Season, Undated	Box 1	Folder 30
Pronunciation Guide, Undated	Box 1	Folder 31
Romans Chapter Eight, Undated	Box 1	Folder 32
The Shepherd's Prayer, 1990	Box 1	Folder 33
There's Always a Springtime, 1990	Box 1	Folder 34
Wedding Vows, Undated	Box 1	Folder 35
You Must be Identified, 1984	Box 1	Folder 36

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## Series 4: Outreach

## Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, memorabilia, meeting minutes, and other materials that show C. L. McCollough's work with both the United House of Prayer and Believers in Christ Ministries.

Title/Description	Instances	
Apostle Charles L. McCollough Day, 1993	Box 1	Folder 37
Believers in Christ, 1993	Box 1	Folder 38
Children's Drawings for Rev. McCollough, Undated	Box 1	Folder 39
Clergy and Church Monitors District 6 and 7, Undated	Box 1	Folder 40
Clippings, 1991-1996	Box 1	Folder 41
Coalition of Concerned Clergy and Citizens of Ward 7, Undated	Box 1	Folder 42
Little Angel's and Youth Enrichment Program, 1993	Box 1	Folder 43
Minister's License, 1982	Box 1	Folder 44
Reinstatement of Pastor C. L. McCollough, 1993	Box 1	Folder 45
Richmond Crusaders, 1991-1992	Box 1	Folder 46
Senior Minister Appointment, 1980	Box 1	Folder 47
SHARE (photograph), Undated	Box 1	Folder 48
Student Assistance Program, Undated	Box 1	Folder 49
Student Report Cards, 1991-1993	Box 1	Folder 50
Thanksgiving Baskets, 1991-1992	Box 1	Folder 51
United Way Payment, 1991	Box 1	Folder 52
Ward 7 Monthly Prayer Breakfast, 1989	Box 1	Folder 53

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## Series 5: Programs

### Scope and Contents

Series V contains programs from events that honored the McColloughs, were attended by the McColloughs, or were organized by their organizations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Christian's Report Card, Undated	Box 2	Folder 1
Founder's Day, 1999	Box 2	Folder 2
Gala Holiday Reception and Buffet, 1993	Box 2	Folder 3
Marjorie-Poem, Undated	Box 2	Folder 4

Leon and Marjorie McCollough, 1965	Box 2	Folder 5
Rev. McCollough, 1989	Box 2	Folder 6
Rev. McCollough, 1990	Box 2	Folder 7
Rev. McCollough, 1991	Box 2	Folder 8
Rev. McCollough as Featured Speaker, 1993-1995	Box 2	Folder 9
Rev. McCollough Memorials, 1996	Box 2	Folder 10
Rev. McCollough Testimonial Service, 1993	Box 2	Folder 11
Men's Day Celebration, 1989-1992	Box 2	Folder 12
Pamphlets and Fliers, Undated	Box 2	Folder 13
SHARE DC, 1992-1993	Box 2	Folder 14
Spring Revival Services, 1989	Box 2	Folder 15
Thanksgiving Day Celebration, 1989	Box 2	Folder 16
Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Competition, 1988	Box 2	Folder 17
United House of Prayer Groundbreaking, 1979-1989	Box 2	Folder 18
Young People's Day, 1986	Box 2	Folder 19

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## Series 6: Awards

### Scope and Contents

The United House of Prayer, as well as, the City Council of Washington, DC and the National Organization of Free Masons gave the awards and Certificates in this series to C. L. McCollough or his organization.

Title/Description	Instances	
Coalition of Concerned Citizenry in the Community, 1981	Box 2	Folder 20
Honor Roll Certificate, 1992	Box 2	Folder 21
Merit Award, 1978	Box 2	Folder 22
School Attendance Certificates, 1992	Box 2	Folder 23
Top 100 "F" Class Achievement Award, 1977-1990	Box 2	Folder 24
Top 100 "G" Class Achievement Award, 1980-1990	Box 2	Folder 25
Top 100, 1985-1989	Box 2	Folder 26
Top Paying Individual/Pastor, 1978-1984	Box 2	Folder 27
United House of Prayer Achievement Certificates, Undated	Box 2	Folder 28



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## Series 7: Oversize

### Scope and Contents

Oversize Outreach and Awards materials are found in this series. They include photographs and certificates.

Title/Description	Instances	
Outreach, Undated	Box 3	Folder 1
Awards, 1993	Box 3	Folder 2
Awards, 1967	Box 3	Folder 3
Awards, 1970	Box 3	Folder 4
Awards, 1980-1990	Box 3	Folder 5
Awards, 1982	Box 3	Folder 6
Awards, 1982-1990	Box 3	Folder 7
Awards, 1979-1987	Box 3	Folder 8
Awards, 1984-1985	Box 3	Folder 9

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