

Basic Detail Report

A group of Jehovah's Witnesses preparing to baptise a new member in a swimming pool, Genova

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The Jehovah's Witnesses were established as a religion in 1879 in the United States. The religion was founded by Charles Taze Russell who was a businessman from Pennsylvania. Adherents are known mostly for going door-to-door and handing out literature that explains their worldview or inviting people to upcoming events at their gathering place called the Kingdom Hall. (See Jehovah's Witnesses beliefs) Religious expression is important to Jehovah's Witnesses. It is a means through which they express their beliefs and values. Baptism Jehovah's Witnesses baptize those "of a responsible age" who have made a conscious decision to join the faith. Baptism is done by full water immersion and is a sign of one's devotion to God. After baptism, primary duties expected of a Jehovah's Witness include regular attendance at Kingdom Hall meetings and evangelism.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.3 x 20.4 cm (11 7/8 x 8 in.)