



HOUSES OF FAITH

Belgium is a laic state which means it has no state religion. The constitution ensures a strict separation between state and religion, but also guarantees the freedom of religion. Belgium has 6 recognised religions: Roman-Catholic, Islam, Protestant, Orthodox, Judaism and Anglican. This does not imply other religions are not allowed but only these 6 are entitled to government subsidies.

Since its inception VUB fully embraces the principle of "free enquiry". This principle is based on a text by the French mathematician, physicist and philosopher Henri Poincaré (1854-1912) that says:

*Thinking must never submit itself,
neither to a dogma,
nor to a party,
nor to a passion,
nor to an interest,
nor to a preconceived idea,
nor to anything whatsoever,
except to the facts themselves,
because for it to submit to anything else
would be the end of its existence.*

When facts are established scientifically they should not be ignored, altered or censored in order to comply with religious, political or philosophical beliefs. It is therefore not surprising that the VUB motto is 'Scientia vincere tenebras' (science will overcome the darkness). VUB also believes in pluralism and welcomes people from all religious backgrounds who accept and respect the principle of "free inquiry". Out of principle, the VUB does not offer any specific facilities or infrastructure for religious practices (such as worship). Brussels however hosts various religious communities.

The list is made up in alphabetical order:

1. BUDDHIST

1.1. Association des Bouddhistes de Linh Son

Tradition: mahayana - Thich Huyen VI
Country of origin: Vietnam
Address: Overwinningsstraat 88, 1060 Brussel
Tel.: 02 539 59 07

1.2. Association Zen de Belgique / Belgische Zen Vereniging

Tradition: mahayana - Taisen Deshimaru
Country of origin: Japan
Address: Eugène Cattoirstraat 11, 1050 Brussel
Secretariat: Thierry Hoyois, Rue Valère Letot 99 - 7050 Herchies
Tel.: 02 485 71 77 36
E-mail: zen@azb.be
Website: www.zazen.be

1.3. Dhammagroup

Tradition: theravada-vipassana - Mahasi Sayadaw
Country of origin: Union du Myanmar (Birmarnie)
Address: Hertoginstraat 2, 1040 Brussel
Tel.: 0474 59 00 21
E-mail: info@dhammagroupbrussels.be
Website: www.dhammagroupbrussels.be

1.4. Institut Nalanda / Nalanda Instituut

Tradition: vajrayana - Karma Kagyu
Country of origin: Tibet
Address: Olmstraat 50, 1030 Brussel
Tel.: 02 675 38 05
Fax: 02 675 38 90
E-mail: nalanda@tibinst.org
Website: www.institut-tibetain.org

1.5. Kwan Um School of Zen

Tradition: mahayana - Zen Meester Seungh Sahn
Country of origin: Korea
Address: Nestelingstraat 16, 1080 Brussel
Tel.: 0497 59 66 59 (Koen Vermeulen)
E-mail: kwanumzenbe@gmail.com
Website: www.kwanumzen-meditatie.be

1.6. Rigpa

Tradition: vajrayana - Dzogchen
Country of origin: Tibet
Address: Fernand Bernierstraat 10, 1060 Brussel
Tel.: 0479 34 20 74
E-mail: info@rigpa-belgique.be

1.7. Samye Dzong Bruxelles/Brussel

Tradition: vajrayana - Orgyen Drodul Trinle Dordje

Country of origin: Tibet

Address: Capouilletstraat 33, 1060 Brussel

Tel.: 02 537 54 07

E-mail: centre@samye.be

Website: www.samye.be

1.8. Soka Gakkai Internationale Belgium

Tradition: mahayana

Country of origin: Japan

Address: Grisarstraat 46, 1070 Brussel

Tel.: 02 345 87 14

Email: contact@sgibelgium.org

Website: www.nichirenlibrary.org

2. CHRISTIAN

2.1. Anglican

[Holy Trinity Pro Cathedral](#):

Address: Kapitein Crespelstraat 29, 1050 Brussel

Tel.: 02 511 71 83

2.2. Orthodox

2.2.1. Baptist

[Lifepoint Church](#): Colonel Bourgstraat 123, 1140 Brussel

[International Baptist Church](#): Lange Eikstraat 76-78, Wezembeek-Oppeem

2.2.2. Bulgarian orthodox

[Bulgarian Orthodox Church](#): Victor Hugostraat 8, 1030 Brussel.

2.2.3. Charismatic and Pentecostal movement

2.2.4 Episcopalian

All Saints: Chaussée de Charleroi 2, 1420 Braine l'alleud

2.2.5. Greek orthodox

St Nicolas: Vooruitgangstraat 293, 1210 Brussel / Brabantstraat 75, 1030 Brussel

Saints Archangels Michael and Gabriel Orthodox Cathedral: Stalingradlaan 34 1000 Brussel

Parish of the Holy Silouan the Athonite and Martinus : Bosniestraat 75, 1060 Brussel

2.2.6. Lutheran

Lutheran church of Brussels: Salomélaan 7, 1150 Brussel

2.2.7. Presbyterian

Presbyterian Church of Ghana: Antwerpsesteenweg 24 (Harmony centre) 1000 Brussel

2.2.8. Russian orthodox

Russian Orthodox Church St Job: De Frélaan 19, 1180 Brussel

Russian Orthodox Chapel St-Anne (Park of the Royal Palace of Laken), Abelenlaan 1020 Brussel

2.3. Protestant

Destiny Christian Centre: Nieuwe Graanmarkt 8, 1000 Brussel

East Brussels Church of God/Korean Church: Museumlaan 2, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

International Protestant Church of Brussels: Heldenlaan 32, 1160 Brussel

Praise Center United: Gheudestraat 54, 1070 Brussel

St Andrews Church of Scotland: Vleurgatsesteenweg 181, 1050 Brussel

The Well: Felix Hapstraat 11, 1040 Brussel

The Vineyard: Franz Guillaumelaan 80, 1140 Brussel

Christian Centre: Waterloo-sesteenweg 47, 1640 St Genesius Rode

The Cornerstone: Frans Vereekstraat 181D, 3090 Overijse

2.4. Roman Catholic

L'eglise du Sacre Coeur: Corregiostraat, 1000 Brussel

Our Lady of Mercy Parish: Heilig Verbondplein 10, 1180 Brussel

St Anthony's Parish: Oudstrijderslaan 23-25, 1950 Kraainem

St Nicholas at the Bourse: Boterstraat 1, 1000 Brussel

St Josephs Community: Waversesteenweg 203, 1050 Brussel

3. CONFUSIASM – TAOISM

Belgian Taoist Association:

www.taoiststudies.org

4. HINDU

4.1. Mandir

[Indian Cultural Centre asbl Brussels](#)

Address: Colonel Bourgstraat 123-125,
1140 Evere

Email: iccbrussels@gmail.com

Tel.: 0484 03 11 42

4.2. Namaskar

Hindu Association of Brussels:

Address: 20 Joseph Genot Straat, 1082
Brussel

Tel.: 02 486 16 34

5. HUMANIST

5.1. Centre d'action laique (French)

Address :Campus de la Plaine ULB, CP-236

Accès 2, Avenue Arnaud Fraiteur, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgique

Tel.: 02 627 68 11

E-mail: cal@laicite.net

<http://www.laicite.be/>

5.2. Unie van Vrijzinnige Verenigingen (Dutch)

Address: Brand Whitlocklaan 87, 1200 Brussel

Tel.: 02 735 81 92

info@deMens.nu

<http://www.demens.nu/nl/>

6. ISLAM

6.1. Main Mosk of Brussels (Saoudi):

[The Islamic and cultural centre of Belgium](#)

Address : Parc du Cinquantenaire 14, 1000 Brussel

Tel.: 02 735 21 73

6.2. Local Mosks

A list of addresses of local Mosks can be found on this website:

<http://www.centreislamique.be/node/244>

7. JEWISH - HEBREW

7. Synagogues in Belgium:

The addresses and information in the links

- [Communaute Israelite de Bruxelles:](#)
- [Progressive Jewish Community of Belgium](#)

8. SIKH

8.1. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sahib

Lange Molenstraat 14

1800 Vilvoorde

Tel.: 02 251 87 82

Email: info@gurdwarabrussel.org

Website: <http://www.gurdwarabrussel.org>

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