



HOUSES OF FAITH

Belgium is a laic state which means it has no state religion. The constitution (1830) prescribes a strict separation between state and religion but also guarantees the freedom of cult. Belgium has 6 recognized religions: Roman-Catholic, Islam, Protestant, Orthodox, Judaism and Anglican. This doesn't imply other religions are not allowed but that 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.

1. BUDDHIST

1.1. Association des Bouddhistes de Linh Son

Tradition: mahayana - Thich Huyen VI
Country of origin: Vietnam
Address: Overwinningsstraat 88 , 1060 Brussel
Phone: 02/539.59.07
Email: levinhq@yahoo.fr

1.2. Association Zen de Belgique / Belgische Zen Vereniging

Tradition: mahayana - Taisen Deshimaru
Country of origin: Japan
Adress: Eugène Cattoirstraat 11, 1050 Brussel
Secretariate : Thierry Hoyois, Rue Valère Letot 99 - 7050 Herchies
Phone: 02/485.71.77.36
Email: 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
Phone: 0474/59.00.21
Email: info@dhammagroupbrussels.be
Website: www.dhammagroupbrussels.be

1.4. Institut Nalanda / Nalanda Instituut

Tradition: vajrayana - Karma Kagyu
Country of origin: Tibet
Addres: Olmstraat 50, 1030 Brussel
Phone: 02/675.38.05
Fax: 02/675.38.90
Email: nalanda@tibinst.org
Website: www.institut-tibetain.org/cms/index.php?page=l-institut-

1.5. Kwan Um School of Zen

Tradition: mahayana - Zen Meester Seungh Sahn
Country of origin: Korea
Address: Nestelingstraat 16, 1080 Brussel
Phone: 0497/59.66.59 (Koen Vermeulen)
Email: koen_vermeulen@yahoo.com
Website: <http://www.kwanumzen.be/>

1.6. Rigpa

Tradition: vajrayana - Dzogchen
Country of origin: Tibet
Address: Fernand Bernierstraat 10, 1060 Brussel
Phone: 02/640.04.42
Email: info@rigpa-belgique.be
Website: www.rigpa-belgique.be

1.7. Samye Dzong Bruxelles/Brussel

Tradition: vajrayana - Orgyen Drodul Trinle Dordje

Country of origin: Tibet

Address: Capouilletstraat 33, 1060 Brussel

Phone: 02/537.54.07

Fax: + 02/537.42.45

Email: centre@samye.be

Website: www.samye.be

1.8. Soka Gakkai Internationale Belgium

Tradition: mahayana

Country of origin: Japan

Address: Grisarstraat 46, 1070 Brussel

Phone: 02/345.87.14

Fax: 02/346.46.85

Email: contact@sgibelgium.org

2. CHRISTIAN

2.1. Anglican

Holy Trinity Pro Cathedral: Kapitein Crespelstraat 29, 1050 Brussel

St Pauls: Hoorenzeelstraat 24, 3080 Tervuren

The Link (St Dominicus Church): Baron Albert d' Huartlaan, 1950 Kraainem
Stockel

2.2. Orthodox

2.2.1. Baptist

Lifepoint Church: Jacques Jordaensstraat 10, 1000 Brussel

International Baptist Church: Lange Eikstraat 76-78, Wezembeek Oppen

2.2.2. Bulgarian orthodox

Bulgarian Orthodox Church: Victor Hugostraat 8, 1040 Brussel.

2.2.3. Charismatic and Pentecostal movement

http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/features/charismaticrenewal/cr_history.asp

<http://www.charismatic.org/belgium.htm>

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

St John Baptist: Zwartevijverstraat 48, 1080 Brussel

Parish of the Arch Angels: Stassartstraat 92, 1050 Brussel

Parish of the Holy Marina: Charbolaan 71, 1030 Brussel

Parish of the Holy Silouan the Athonite and Martinus of Tours: 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 Center: Nieuwe Graanmarkt 8, 1000 Brussel
East Brussels Church of God / Korean Church: Museumlaan 2, 1970 Wezem-
beek 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 Center: 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:

http://www.taoiststudies.org/belgian_taoist_association.html

4. HINDU

4.1. Mandir

Indian Cultural Centre asbl Brussels: Colonel Bourgstraat 123-125, 1140 Evere
Email: iccbrussels@gmail.com
Phone: 02/484.03.11.42

4.2. Namaskar

Hindu Association of Brussels: Joseph Genitstraat 20, 1082 Brussel
Phone: 02/486.16.34

5. HUMANIST

5.1. Centre d'action laïque (French)

Campus de la Plaine ULB, CP-236
Accès 2, Avenue Arnaud Fraiteur,
1050 Bruxelles, Belgique
Phone: 02/627.68.11
Fax: 02/627.68.01
E-mail: cal@laicite.net
<http://www.laicite.be/>

5.2. Unie van Vrijzinnige Verenigingen (Dutch)

De Mens.nu Brand Whitlocklaan 87 1200 Brussel Phone: 02/735.81.92 Fax:
02/735.81.66 info@deMens.nu
<http://www.demens.nu/nl/>

6. ISLAM

6.1. Main Mosk of Brussels (Saoudi):

The Islamic and cultural centre of Belgium
Parc du Cinquanteenaire 14
1000 Brussel
Phone: 02/735.21.73
Fax: 02/735.30.71
<http://www.centreislamique.be/en/homepage>

6.2. Local Mosks

A list of addresses of local Mosks can be found on the following website:
<http://www.islamic-events.be/mosquee-belgique-moskee-belgie/mosquees-de-bruxelles-moskeeen-in-brussel/>

7. JEWISH - HEBREW

7.1. Main Brussels Synagogue

Regentschapsstraat 32
1000 Brussel
Website : <http://www.jewishcom.be/wordpress/en/2009/03/01/la-communaute-israelite-de-bruxelles/>

7.2. Synagogue

Beth Israel Synagogue: Stalingradlaan 74, 1000 Brussel
Avahat Reim Synagogue: Dethystraat 73b, 1060 Brussel
Adat Israel Synagogue: Rogierstraat 126, 1030 Brussel
Simon and Lina Haim Synagogue: Paviljoenstraat 47, 1030 Brussel
The European Synagogue Ohel Eliezer: Froissartstraat 109, 1040 Brussel

8.1. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sahib

Lange Molenstraat 14

1800 Vilvoorde

Phone: 02/251.87.82

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

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