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**American Baptist Churches
University Baptist Church
and Baptist Housing Ministry**

314 E. Daniel St., Champaign, IL 61820
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Brett H. Smith, Pastor-Director

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UBC-BHM serves the UIUC by providing a Baptist church and interdenominational cooperative Christian student housing.

www.uofibaptist.org

**Assembly of God
Excel Campus Ministry**

2502 S. Race St., Urbana, IL 61801
217-344-5455
Terry Austria - taustria@stonecreekwired.com

www.excelwired.com

**Baha'i International Community
Baha'i Center**

Baha'i Center
807 E Green Urbana, IL 61802
217-337-1808 / info@cu-bahai.org
Carlton Mills

The campus Baha'i Community endeavors to reflect the University motto of "Learning and Labor": we develop our human resources so that we may effectively labor in the cause of human unity; reflecting the reality that we are one people on one planet, creations of one God.

www.cu-bahai.org

**Christian Reformed Church of North America
Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church**

700 W. Kirby Ave
Champaign, IL 61820
217-356-3177 / tbossenbroek@gmail.com

Tim Bossenbroek, Pastor

Our mission: To be a welcoming community that incorporates and nurtures people in the Christian faith, and to integrate our Christian faith into all areas of life – social, political, academic, and personal – that we may faithfully proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve God, his kingdom and our neighbor.

www.hpcrc.org

**Church of Christ
Illini for Christ**

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Urbana, IL 61802
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Richard Miller, Evangelist
217-419-6112

Randy Schilling, Evangelist
217-778-8859 / baberean@comcast.net

Illini for Christ exist to encourage students coming from a Church of Christ background and to reach out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ

www.philoroadchurchofchrist.org

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints **Latter-day Saints Student Association**

402 S. Lincoln
Urbana, IL 61801
217-384-2020
taylorrj@ldscs.org

Pres. Kingsley M. Allan - kingsley@illinois.edu

*Institute serves the need of students in religious education,
leadership, service, social and humanitarian efforts.*

www.ldscs.org/urbana

Disciples of Christ **Disciples of Christ Community Church of Champaign-Urbana**

DCCC
123R West Church St
Champaign IL 61820-3510

Deborah Owen, Co-Pastor
217-714-1210 / deowen@illinois.edu

Bill Capel, Co-Pastor
217-355-9825 / capel@illinois.edu

*Welcoming everyone, we hold the centrality of scripture
recognizing each person has the freedom and
responsibility to study God's word and apply it to daily life.
We are a diverse community of worship, fellowship, service,
and prayer, searching together to better love God
and the world through Jesus Christ.*

<http://DOC3.us>

Disciples of Christ
University Place Christian Church

403 S. Wright Street
Champaign, IL. 61820
217-352-5118 / upcc@uniplace.org

www.uniplace.org

Episcopal/Anglican
Chapel of St. John the Divine

1011 S. Wright St.
Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-1924 / stjohns@chapelsjd.org

Rev. Dr. Rob Nichols
Interim Rector

*We are a campus congregation serving students,
faculty, staff, and the community.*

www.chapelsjd.org

Indian
Indian Christian Fellowship (ICF)

847-712-5144 / icf.uiuc@gmail.com

Tony Thomas - tonythomas82@gmail.com

Marilyn Thomas - marilynthomas83@gmail.com

<http://netfiles.uiuc.edu/ro/www/IndianChristianFellowship>

Interdenominational Cru

217-351-8453

Scott Berkey (Campus Director)

scott.berkey@uscm.org

Patrick Froelich

Troy Rendleman

*Our purpose: having real relationships with God
and with each other, and having a real impact on campus!*

www.uicru.com

Interdenominational Illini Chinese Christian Fellowship

306 West High Street

Urbana, IL 61801

217-367-3163

Mike McQueen - mmcqueen@illinois.edu

*A place for students to share lives and spread the good news
about the Lord Jesus Christ. ICCF consists of three language
groups: Mandarin, Cantonese, and English. We meet together
regularly for Bible studies, worship, prayer and fellowship.*

<http://www.iccfer.com>

Interdenominational Christian InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

605 E. Green St., Champaign, IL 61820
217-367-5198 / ivoffice@gmail.com

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International student ministry:
Bonnie Ward – bonnie_ward@ivstaff.org

Grad Christian Fellowship:
David Suryk – dsuryk@gmail.com

Christian Veterinary Missions Fellowship &
Christian Law Students Association:
John Roeckeman – johnroeckeman@gmail.com

Making Jesus known by loving, Biblical communities throughout the U of I.

www.ivcfchampaign.org **www.ivcfurbana.org**,
netfiles.uiuc.edu/ro/www/GreekInterVarsity

Interdenominational The Navigators

611 Bergamot St.
Savoy, IL 61874
217-334-4060

Norman Hubbard, Director - norman@illininavs.org

*Helping students encounter and know Jesus Christ so they can
make Him known among their friends.*

www.illininavs.org

Interdenominational Urbana Theological Seminary

314 E. Daniel St
Champaign, IL 61820
217-365-9005

Todd Daly, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics
tdaly@urbanaseminary.org

Mike McQueen, Lecturer in Practical Theology
mmcqueen@urbanaseminary.org

Graduate school in religious studies, offering Masters degrees in divinity and religion. An interdenominational seminary exploring the Christian Faith within the Protestant, Catholic tradition.

www.urbanaseminary.org

Interfaith Faith in Place

1001 Wright Street, Room 2
Urbana, IL 61801
217-649-1898 / brian@faithinplace.org

Brian J. Sauder, Central Illinois Outreach & Policy Coordinator

Faith in Place gives religious people the tools to become good stewards of the earth. We partner with religious congregations to promote clean energy and sustainable farming.

www.faithinplace.org

Interfaith Intercultural Friendship Foundation (IFF)

PO Box 2005, Champaign, IL 61825
217-819-8107 / info@iffillinois.org or iff@illinois.edu

Sherzod Madrahimov, President - smadrah2@illinois.edu
Murat Baday – mbaday2@illinois.edu
Melikhan Tanyeri - tanyerim@illinois.edu

Our mission is to serve societal peace and friendship at University of Illinois and within the Champaign-Urbana (C-U) community by striving to spread values such as cross-cultural understanding, tolerance, respect, and dialogue.

www.iffillinois.org

Interfaith Interfaith in Action

Interfaith in Action
1001 S Wright Street
Champaign, IL 61820
execboard@uiucinterfaith.org

Aditi Singh, President – aditi@uiucinterfaith.org
Greg Damhorst, Vice President for Community Outreach – greg@uiucinterfaith.org
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A Registered Student Organization at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Student Program of the University YMCA that seeks to promote a vision of sociological religious pluralism through dialogue, service, and relationship-building among students of different faith backgrounds, including those of a secular background.

www.uiucinterfaith.org

Interfaith University YMCA

1001 S. Wright St.
Champaign, IL 61820
217-337-1500

Ann Rasmus
Program Director
Art @ the Y, Faith and Justice
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Mike Doyle
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Since 1873, the YMCA at the University of Illinois has served as a place for meaningful dialogue and interaction between students, faculty, staff, and community members. With a dynamic, cooperative, and interfaith setting, the YMCA facilitates partnerships between diverse groups of individuals and creates a welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds.

www.universityymca.org

Jewish Chabad Center for Jewish Life

509 S. Fourth St.
Champaign, IL 61820
217-355-8672 / info@JewishUIUC.org

Rabbi Dovid Tiechtel, Executive Director - rabbi@illinois.edu

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Your center for Jewish Life on Campus, welcoming students in a warm and non-judgmental environment, for all your Jewish needs, creating a vibrant Jewish Community.

www.JewishUIUC.org

Jewish
Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation

503 E. John St.
Champaign, IL 61820
217-367-9872 / cujf@shalomcu.org

Jessica Kopolow, Interim Director

CUJF fosters Jewish life at home and abroad and supports humanitarian activities worldwide. Local activities include annual campaign, community calendar, volunteer opportunities, Holocaust education, refugee resettlement, emergency assistance, leadership development, arts and culture, seniors program, Israel education, internships in social work and other human service fields.

www.shalomcu.org

Jewish
Hillel Foundation

Margie K. and Louis N. Cohen Center for Jewish Life
503 E. John Street, Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-1328

Rabbi Rogerio Cukierman, Executive Director – rogerio@illinihillel.org
Rabbi Naftali Rothstein - naftali@illinihillel.org
Erez Cohen - erez@illinihillel.org
Carly Froomkin – carly@illinihillel.org

The Hillel Foundation provides a pluralistic, welcoming community where undergraduate and graduate students and community members are encouraged to explore and develop their personal Jewish identities. Hillel provides religious celebrations, social and cultural events, leadership opportunities, personal development, social justice and travel opportunities and more.

www.illinihillel.org

Jewish
JET Jewish Education Team

814 W Main St
Urbana, IL 61801
773-574-2056 / ariburian@gmail.com

Ari Burian, Campus Rabbi

JET strives to empower and to inspire Jewish college students to develop a stronger connection to our Jewish heritage, the Jewish people, and the land of Israel through amazingly fun, authentic, and innovative educational, social, and travel programs.

www.jetcampus.com

Jewish
Sinai Temple

3104 W. Windsor Rd., Champaign, IL 61822
217-352-8140 / rabbiklein@sinaitemplecu.org

Rabbi Norman Klein

www.sinaitemplecu.org

Lutheran - ELCA
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church & Campus Center

909 S. Wright St.
Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-1593 / lutherancampuscenter@gmail.com

Pastor Elaine Olson, M.A.; M.Div.

We gather, grow and give in Jesus name.

www.lutherancampuscenter.org
fb: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Campus Center

Lutheran - LCMS
University Lutheran Church

604 E. Chalmers
Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-1558 / rmilas@illinois.edu

Rev. Rick Milas, Pastor

A ministry for students that is centered on God's Word and Sacraments. In addition to worship and Bible study, events are planned to have fun and serve others.

www.universitylutheran-champaign.org

Mennonite Church USA
First Mennonite Church

902 W. Springfield Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801
217-367-5353 / office@fmc-cu.org

Janet Elaine Rasmussen, Pastor - janet.rasmussen@fmc-cu.org

Deb Sutter, Young Adult Leader – dasutter@gmail.com

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we cultivate an inclusive welcome, participatory worship, and service in the name of peace. Our caring community offers many opportunities for fellowship, including young adult activities.

www.fmc-cu.org

Muslim / Islam
Muslim American Society (MAS)

P.O. Box 331, Urbana, IL 61803-0331
administrator@masurbana-champaign.org

Hasham Said, Administration & Membership Officer

MAS-UC works to educate, organize, and empower the Muslim community to be active, contributing citizens who play a significant role towards positive social and spiritual change.

www.masurbana-champaign.org

Muslim / Islam
Muslim Students Association (MSA)

106 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana, IL 61801
217-344-1555 / msa@illinois.edu

A social group for Muslim students on campus, and a tool by which non-Muslims on campus learn about Islam and its beauty.

www.msaiuc.org

Muslim/Islam
Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC)

106 S. Lincoln (North of Green St.), Urbana, IL 61801
217-344-1555 / cimic@cimic.org

CIMIC is a volunteer-based, non-profit religious organization registered with the State of Illinois. Our mission is: (1) Create an environment for spiritual, educational, and social growth for Muslims in East Central Illinois. (2) Serve as a community resource for information dispersal, bridge-building and Muslim involvement. Open daily, check website for hours.

www.cimic.org

Non-Denominational Christian Covenant Fellowship Church

Rev. Dr. Min Joshua Chung, Senior Pastor
Jim Han, Assistant Pastor – jimhan@cfchome.org

*Kingdom workers trained to take the Gospel into all the nations,
who would in turn produce more workers.*

<http://cfchome.org/>

Non-Denominational Christian International Students Inc. (ISI)

1706 Pleasant St., Urbana, IL 61801
217-493-4761

David Krehbiel, Campus Minister - dkrehbiel@isiwebnet.net

*ISI is a Christian organization that welcomes students
from every culture and religion.*

Non-Denominational Christian New Covenant Fellowship

124 W. White Street, Champaign, IL 61820
217-355-2038

Jim Linder - jlinder@illinois.edu

*Community with these core values: (BRIDGE) Biblical,
Relational, Intergenerational, Doing Justice,
Giving Freely & Embracing Diversity*

www.thebridge-cu.com

Non-Denominational Christian Twin City Bible Church

806 W. Michigan Ave. (Corner of Lincoln & Michigan)
Urbana, IL 61801
217-344-0641 / office@tcbc.cc

Shannon Caughey, Senior Pastor - scaughey@tcbc.cc

Steve Jaeger, Associate Pastor - sjaeger@tcbc.cc

Allen Wakabayashi, Associate Pastor – allen@tcbc.cc

*Christ-centered worship, biblical teaching, loving community &
opportunities to serve within & outside the church*

www.tcbc.cc

Orthodox Christianity All SCOBA Jurisdictions Orthodox Christian Fellowship

112 E. John St. #101
Champaign, IL 61820
217-202-0188 / OCFillinois@aol.com

*The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official ministry
to Orthodox Christians under SCOBA, and is open to all
on the UIUC campus.*

www.OrthodoxAlumni.com

Presbyterian Church in America
All Souls Presbyterian Church

PO Box 3816, Champaign, IL 61826-3816
217-766-2006 / allsoulspca@gmail.com

Rev. David C. Thomas, Jr., Pastor
217-390-0518 / allsoulspca@gmail.com

*Seeking to unite the generations & the
nations around Christ & His Kingdom.*

allsoulspca.org

Presbyterian Church USA
First Presbyterian Church Urbana

602 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801, #217-367-8357

www.firstpresurbana.org

Presbyterian Church USA
McKinley Presbyterian Church & Foundation

809 S. Fifth Street (Corner of 5th and Daniel), Champaign, IL 61820
217 -344-0297 / office@mckinley-church.org

Rev. Heidi Weatherford, Pastor
h-weatherford@mckinley-church.org

Rev. Keith Harris, Associate Pastor/Executive Director
k-harris@mckinley-church.org

*Social Justice Oriented, LGBTQ-friendly, Progressive Christian
student ministry seeks dialogue with students of all faith traditions.*

www.mckinley-church.org

Quaker/Friends
Quaker Student Group

1904 East Main St., Urbana, IL 61801
217-328-5853 /sbales@illinois.edu

Katherine Chi, President - kchi2@illinois.edu

*To worship in the traditional manner of Friends waiting
silently in worship for occasional spoken ministry.*

www.quaker.org/urbana/

Roman Catholic
**FOCUS: Fellowship of Catholic
University Students**

604 E. Armory Ave., Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-1266 / illinois@focusonline.org

Travis Todd – ttodd@focusonline.org

*To conform to the image of Christ and fulfill
His Great Commission by Spiritual Multiplication.*

www.focusonline.org

Roman Catholic
St. John's Catholic Newman Center

604 E. Armory Ave., Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-1266 / shawnreeves@sjcnc.org

Msgr. Gregory Ketcham, Head Chaplain
217-255-6651 / monsignorgregoryketcham@sjcnc.org

Shawn Reeves, Pastoral Staff
217-255-6621 / shawnreeves@sjcnc.org

*Your Roman Catholic “home away from home”. Visit www.sjcnc.org
for Mass times, ministries, and ways to be involved.*

Unitarian Universalist
Channing-Murray Foundation

1209 W. Oregon St., Urbana, IL 61801
217-344-1176 / director@channingmurray.org

Claire Szoke, Co-Executive Director
217-265-0581 / Claire@channingmurray.org

Doug Jones, Co-Executive Director
217-377-6787 / Doug@channingmurray.org

Justine Schoeplein, Endowment
217-344-1924 / jschoeplein@chapelsjd.org

A Unitarian-Universalist Campus Center, Channing Murray provides a variety of programs fostering social justice, cultural diversity, the creative arts, and Unitarian Universalist spirituality. Our Red Herring Vegetarian Restaurant and Coffeehouse promotes healthy eating, food justice, local music, and building a sense of community.

www.channingmurray.org

Unitarian Universalist
**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Urbana-Champaign**

309 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801
217-384-8862 / admin@uuc-urbana.org

The Rev. Axel H. Gehrmann

Doug Jones, Denominational Affairs Coordinator
217-377-6787 / djones42@illinoisalumni.org

We are a Welcoming Congregation. Our mission: Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice. Find peace.

www.uucuc.org

**United Church of Christ
UCC Campus Ministry**

805 S. 6th Street, Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-5091 / ucc.campus.ministry@gmail.com

Rev. Karen Bush - ks-bush@illinois.edu

The UCC Campus Ministry is an Open and Affirming, Just Peace ministry which subscribes to the 8 tenants of Progressive Christianity.

www.community-ucc.org/ucf

**United Methodist
Wesley Foundation**

1203 West Green Street (Corner of Green & Goodwin)
Urbana, IL 61801
217-344-1120

Rev. Dan King Crede – dkingcrede@wesleyui.org
Rev. Rob Kirby, Campus Minister - rkirby@wesleyui.org

Empowering students and young adults to shine the light of Christ's love on the campus, in the community and throughout the world.

www.wesleyui.org

**University of Illinois
Dept of Religion**

Robert McKim - religion@illinois.edu

www.relst.uiuc.edu

Willow Creek Association Ministry Illini Life Christian Fellowship

502 E. John St. Suite 210 (2nd floor of Johnstown Center)
Champaign, IL 61820
217-344-6000 / info@illinilife.org

Matt Wilcoski, Pastor - 217-766-2620 / matt.wilcoski@illinilife.org

Fred Kirstein - 217-369-7622 / fred.kirstein@illinilife.org

Wayne Wager – 217-766-6400 / wayne.wager@sbcglobal.net

A Biblical ministry for this Generation. Biblical Teaching, Passionate Spirituality, Loving Community, Compassionate Service.

www.illinilife.org

Zen Buddhist Prairie Zen Center

515 S. Prospect Ave
Champaign, IL 61820
217 -355-8835 / info@prairiezen.org

Rev. Elihu Genmyo Smith
genmyo@prairiezen.org

Zen Sitting Practice, Instruction, Retreats and Services.

www.prairiezen.org

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to the faith communities, campus ministries and community organizations previously listed in this directory, students may also form their own religious organization and register them with the University. Sometimes these RSO's are independent and sometimes they are affiliated with an RWA organization. Inclusion in this directory in no way implies any form of endorsement by the RWA. The most up to date listing can be found at <http://union.illinois.edu/involvement/rso>.

Adventist Christian Fellowship

Primary Contact: Geremias Polanco Encarnacion, gpolanc2@illinois.edu
Purpose: To provide students at the University of Illinois with resources by which they may integrate faith and higher education.

All Souls Presbyterian Church Campus Ministry

Primary Contact: Rev. David Thomas, allsoulsPCA@gmail.com
Purpose: Campus ministry for All Souls Presbyterian Church

Alpha Nu Omega, Inc.

Primary Contact: Irene Aninye, ianinye2@illinois.edu
Purpose: To present a Christian alternative on college campuses and in the surrounding community, to minister to the needs of the whole person (spirit, soul, and body), and to promote an attitude of academic excellence.

Axiom

Primary Contact: Taylor Pinion, pinion1@illinois.edu
Purpose: Seeks to provide a place for students to learn, serve, develop relationships, and build leadership skills.

Baptist Student Foundation Campus Ministry

Primary Contact: Matt Ferrans, mferra3@illinois.edu
Purpose: We are a subset of the Baptist Student Foundation that aims to expand Christian fellowship within our organization and within the greater student body. The Baptist Student Foundation includes both University Baptist Church and the four cooperative houses run by the Baptist Housing Ministry.

Belief In Question (B.I.Q.)

Primary Contact: Nitin Rao, nrao4@illinois.edu
Purpose: A place where believers and non-believers can debate/discuss theological topics in the hopes of coming to a common understanding on neutral grounds.

Brothers And Sisters In Christ

Purpose: Showing God's love through our actions by sharing Christ, teaching students, and serving others.

Buddhist Club

Purpose: The main goal of Buddhist Club is to provide a friendly environment for both practicing Buddhists and those interested in learning more to explore the teachings of Buddhism. The secondary goals of Buddhism include building a stronger community on campus and in the larger world while addressing common misconceptions about Buddhism.

Buddhists for World Peace

Primary Contact: Kaori Sato, kdsato2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Based on Nichiren Buddhism (Soka Gakkai International), we promote world peace through education, culture, dialogue, and friendship.

Building Bridges: An LGBT and Allies Christian Group

Primary Contact: Harrison Hakes, BuildingBridges1@gmail.com

Purpose: To provide an open, accepting, affirming, safe space for people who identify as LGBT and Allies. We aim to foster personal growth in ourselves, our relationship with God and our community through honestly discussing the spiritual aspect of God, sharing personal experiences, and promoting social interaction.

Campus Crusade For Christ

Primary Contact: David Mainzinger, mainzin1@illinois.edu

Purpose: To meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of students.

Campus Ignite

Primary Contact: Garrett Campagna, gcampa3@illinois.edu

Purpose: To help students in living their lives as Christians in today's society.

Chabad Jewish Student Association

Purpose: Provide the university community with an opportunity to foster awareness of Jewish cultural and spiritual heritage, values and traditions; to educate students in Jewish teachings and thoughts; to facilitate observance of rituals and customs.

Champaign Chinese Christ Disciple Fellowship

Purpose: To provide opportunities for faculty, staff and students to know the Bible; to know and accept gospel and to become disciples of Jesus.

Christadelphians, UIUC Student Chapter

Purpose: To spread the word of God on the campus of the U of I.

Christian Campus Fellowship

Purpose: CCF seeks to provide a place for students to learn, serve, develop relationships, and build leadership skills.

Christian Law Students Association

Purpose: To provide community for students who seek to learn more about Christianity and to grow in their faith through consistent fellowship, service, prayer, and Bible study, and to support the spiritual lives of law students who are Christians or are interested in the Christian faith or learning more about Christianity.

Christian Reformed Student Foundation

Primary Contact: Finley Edwards, fedward2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Organize student activities and fellowship.

Christian Science Organization

Purpose: To serve as a forum for the campus for discussing how spirituality and the Bible can play an active and relevant role in life.

Christian Veterinary Mission Fellowship

Purpose: To serve others through veterinary missions and to develop our personal relationships with God and classmates in school.

Christians on Campus

Primary Contact: Daren Whitlock, daren@illinois.edu

Purpose: To bring together members of the UIUC community to live and experience the reality of Christ and the church.

Clear Sky Zen Group at the University of Illinois

Primary Contact: Holly Holmes, hholmes2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Our membership shares interest in various Buddhist traditions, and come together to practice meditation in a predominantly, though not exclusively, Zen style. Although our practice derives from Buddhist traditions, our participants practice many different belief systems in addition to Buddhism.

Community Evangelical Free Church, Free Life

Purpose: To train students to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to equip them for a lifetime of Christian labor.

Covenant Fellowship

Purpose: To be a community where people can come and learn and share about the person of Jesus Christ.

Crossway

Primary Contact: Seun Sung, ruri_37@hotmail.com

Purpose: A Korean Christian college organization for those students interested in exploring a faith-based youth ministry. Crossway is the UIUC college group of the Korean Church of Champaign Urbana. We gather weekly for worship, praise, and to share personal stories and learn from church pastors. In addition, we sponsor an annual retreat for UIUC students and serve on a mission trip to other countries such as Mexico, Africa.

Deeper Roots in Christ

Primary Contact: Seongjin Park, jerpark@illinois.edu

Purpose: To grow as disciples of Christ through Bible study, worship, and fellowship.

Dharma [Hindu Students Organization]

Purpose: To educate the college community about Hinduism through various cultural and philosophical events.

Entrusted Talents

Primary Contact: John J. Lee, jjlee21@illinois.edu

Purpose: To promote initiative and partnership in all students to utilize their talents for a purpose through activities, programs, and events.

Evangelical Christian Union

Primary Contact: Michael Aument, maument2@illinois.edu

Purpose: To promote unity among all organizations of similar interests at UIUC.

Excel Campus Ministry

Primary Contact: Marcela Said, misaid2@illinois.edu

Purpose: To lead people closer to the heart of Jesus and to make Him known. We are a group of students that desire to see the Kingdom of God advance through prayer and deed. To grow in a fervent and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, fasting, and fellowship.

Faith Christian Peer Ministry

Purpose: To provide Christian support and encouragement to all college students.

Fellowship of Catholic University Students

Primary Contact: Daniel McShane, mcshane3@illinois.edu

Purpose: To teach and to live the message of Christ through small group Catholic Bible Studies, one-on-one Discipleship, and large group social events.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Primary Contact: Justin Neally, jneally2@illinois.edu

Purpose: To present to coaches and athletes and all they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as savior and lord.

Footsteps in the Sand

Purpose: To bring together people with an interest in the Catholic faith and who come from all different cultural heritages. We aim to provide a forum for people to express their beliefs and grow in their faith but have fun doing it!

Glory Center Campus

Primary Contact: Matthew Nesbitt, mlnesbit@illinois.edu

Purpose: To promote practical Christian living, while empowering students through fellowship opportunities, maximizing their college experience.

GodSearch, UIUC Group

Primary Contact: Emeka Okekeocha, okekeoc1@illinois.edu

Purpose: To connect with students on campus and empower them to live a Kingdom lifestyle, which includes developing intimacy with God, praying with authoritative prayer, and moving in the Supernatural power of God.

Graduate Bible Study

President: Jinny cho, jhcho2@illinois.edu

Purpose: To study Bible together and fellowship.

Greek InterVarsity

Primary Contact: Jacob Stukenberg, stukenb1@illinois.edu

Purpose: Christian fellowship group for students and for members of fraternities and sororities.

Hillel Leadership Council

Primary Contact: Josh Gibbs, josh@joshgibbs.com

Purpose: To educate and promote Jewish life on campus.

Illini Chinese Christian Fellowship

Primary Contact: Ray Lam, raykonglam@gmail.com

Purpose: To be a Christ-centered, Bible-based family where Chinese Christians can find fellowship, study God's Word, and be equipped to expand God's kingdom in Champaign-Urbana and throughout the world.

Illini for Christ

Primary Contact: Tom Stone

Purpose: To encourage people in their walk with God.

Illini Life Student Fellowship

Primary Contact: Ryan Johnson

Purpose: To help students know God, learn to understand and love the Bible and develop a community that authentically supports one another in their walk of faith through love, prayer and accountability.

Illini Young Life

Primary Contact: Brie Bauer, babauer2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Christian outreach ministry for high school and middle school students.

Indian Christian Fellowship

Primary Contact: Jonathan George, icf.uiuc@gmail.com

Purpose: Seeing Indian students join all ethnicities in worshipping Jesus Christ in spirit and truth and in working together to expand God's Kingdom.

Interfaith Atheists, Agnostics, and Humanists

Primary Contact: Jason Romero, romero3@illinois.edu

Purpose: Prioritizes dialogue about secular politics and religion; collaboration with faith communities when appropriate; and critique, both of others and ourselves. In addition to identifying as "interfaith," we also identify as "social-justice oriented," "progressive," and "poststructural."

Interfaith in Action

Primary Contact: Emily Anusinha, execboard@uiucinterfaith.org

Purpose: Join students from many faith traditions and worldviews in interreligious dialogue, community service, and social action.

International House of Prayer – Champaign-Urbana

Primary Contact: Patricia Lazicki, lazicki1@illinois.edu

Purpose: We are a group committed to praying for our campus, community and world.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Champaign Chapter

Primary Contact: Brittney Fiorello, fiorell1@illinois.edu

Purpose: Making Jesus known by growing loving, biblical communities throughout the U of I.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Urbana Chapter

Primary Contact: Michelle Varghese, varghes2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Making Jesus known by growing loving, biblical communities throughout the University of Illinois.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship – Urbana South Cluster

Primary Contact: Irene Faust, faust1@illinois.edu

Purpose: Making Jesus known by growing loving biblical communities throughout the U of I.

InterVarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship

Purpose: Integration of faith and learning, fellowship.

Jain Students Association

Primary Contact: Sulochana Mutha, smutha3@illinois.edu

Purpose: To increase the awareness of Jainism within the university through unique cultural and religious events.

Jewish Education Team (JET)

Primary Contact: Adina Mann, mann6@illinois.edu

Purpose: An independent, non-profit outreach organization that provides Jewish educational programs. We aim to inspire, energize and educate Jewish students so they can develop a stronger connection to their Jewish heritage, the Jewish people and the land of Israel; to instill pride in the vitality of the Jewish mission; and to create Jewish leaders.

Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)

Purpose: To provide cultural and religious support to Jewish law students, regardless of background or belief, to educate the student body about the cultural and religious beliefs of the Jewish people, and to better the greater community through Tzedakah, and acts of goodwill.

Just1Word at the University of Illinois (j1w)

Purpose: To promote exploration and discussion of the Bible and its practical application in resolving real life issues and enhancing personal character.

Kehilateynu

Primary Contact: Max Dayan, mdayan2@illinois.edu

Purpose: A group of students who are passionate about building a foundation for the future of the Jewish community here at Champaign-Urbana and providing a broad non-denominational support system for every Jew on campus.

Koinonia Christian Cooperative

Primary Contact: Kyle Arvin, arvin1@illinois.edu

Purpose: Encourage healthy relationships through housing in a Christian environment.

Korean Buddhist Student Association

Primary Contact: Hyojin Sung, sung12@illinois.edu

Purpose: Enhance the religious and social relationship between the members.

Korean Catholic Students Association – Logos Philos

Primary Contact: JeeWon Ahn, ahn21@illinois.edu

Purpose: To gather and study chapters of Bible. The time of meeting is every Friday evening.

Korean Catholic Students Association – Yedam (KCSA)

Primary Contact: Youngsung Byun, ybyun2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Gathering of Korean undergraduate students for bible study every Friday evening.

Korean Jesus-love Ministry

Primary Contact: Elizabeth Yang, ejyang2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Religious and prayer services

Korean New Life Church, UIUC Youth Group

Purpose: To spread gospel and God's word to the U of I community and provide opportunities for Korean-speaking students to gather for religious purposes.

Latter Day Saint Student Association

Primary Contact: John Braun, braun15@illinois.edu

Purpose: To invite students to have a balanced secular and spiritual learning experience during their formal years of education.

Lutheran Student Movement

Purpose: To promote social activities and religious programs for all students, faculty and staff.

Megiste Arete and Elogeme Adolphi Christian Organizations

Primary Contact: Teresa Williams

Purpose: A Christian Fraternity and Sorority established to help build and edify men and women in the body of Christ. We are Christ-centered organizations with a goal to enhance student's walk with Christ by building their inner selves physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Muslim Students Association

Primary Contact: Yusra Al-Shawaf, yalsha3@illinois.edu

Purpose: A religious and social group consisting of people of a variety of backgrounds; a means by which students maintain their faith in a college environment; a tool by which non-Muslims learn about Islam. Students strive to build bridges with other religious groups through service activities and interfaith dialogue. Above all, MSA is the stepping stone by which students learn the techniques and acquire the passion to commit to their faith and their communities.

Navigators (Navs)

Purpose: To engage with interested students to know Jesus Christ personally, understand their created identity, and reveal their Creator to others through real life situations that include mentoring, Bible Study, trips, and fun activities.

Newman Foundation Koinonia Retreat Program

Primary Contact: Michael Friedel, friedel2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Provide a Catholic Retreat Program to University students of all faiths so that they can grow in their faith in a strong community.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

Purpose: To provide religious, social, and philanthropic activities to all students, faculty, and staff that are interested in the Orthodox Faith.

Pagan Students Association

Primary Contact: Enrique Pina, epina2@illinois.edu

Purpose: To support Pagan/Neo-Pagan UIUC students by: (a) Providing a safe and open space for the discussion of Pagan beliefs and practices; (b) Offering educational programs to raise understanding and awareness of Pagan beliefs and practices across campus; (c) Building community through both formal and informal social events; and (d) Aiding spiritual development by coordinating spiritual observances throughout the academic year.

Quaker Student Group (Champaign-Urbana Friends Meeting)

Primary Contact: Anna Hamrick, hamrick1@illinois.edu

Purpose: Student group for the Religious Society of Friends (aka Quakers).

Servant Students

Primary Contact: Dana Staschke, staschk1@illinois.edu

Purpose: Dedicated to helping students develop stronger relationships with God while giving back to the Champaign-Urbana community as well as other local and national organizations.

Stratford Christian Cooperative House

Primary Contact: Jessica Libby, jlibby2@illinois.edu

Purpose: Stratford House is made up of 38 Christian women living cooperatively to encourage one another in our daily faith. Since we are a “cooperative” house, this means the house is fully run by us – cooking, cleaning, social events, and weekly meetings.

Students for Christ

Purpose: An organization inclusive to everyone within the UIUC community who desires to know Jesus Christ.

Twin City Bible Campus Fellowship

Purpose: To encourage personal growth in the Christian faith.

United Church of Christ Campus Ministry

Primary Contact: Joseph Newcomb, jnewcom2@illinois.edu

Purpose: To explore and grow in faith, reach out to others, and experience fellowship in the spirit of God's love.

UIUC Humanists

President: Brennan McLoughlin, bamclou2@law.illinois.edu

Purpose: To create a space for atheists, agnostics, and other secular students to explore the scientific, ethical, and social issues facing modern humanism. We aim to focus our attention on the potential of humanism standing alone, rather than in contrast with other religious or quasi-religious movements.

Veritas Forum at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Primary Contact: Aurora Cerulli, cerulli1@illinois.edu

Purpose: To create forums for the exploration of truth (veritas) and life. We seek to inspire the shapers of tomorrow's culture to connect their hardest questions with the person and story of Jesus Christ and engage them with other religious and secular points of view.

Wesley Foundation Student Fellowship

Primary Contact: Adam Faust, acafaust@uiuc.edu

Purpose: To promote the spiritual growth of members of the university community through fellowship, service, study, and worship.

Zeta Phi Zeta Christian Fraternity and Sorority, Inc.

Purpose: To change the lives of this and coming generations physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally.

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This voluntary association seeks:

- To stimulate among its own members vigorous, cordial, and meaningful discussion of relevant religious issues and concerns.
- To represent and express the professional concerns of the religious workers at the University of Illinois.
- To establish and maintain channels of communication and structure for cooperation with the University and its appropriate offices-students, faculty and administration.
- To provide a channel for a constructively critical voice on matters related to social and higher education issues.
- To explore opportunities and develop approaches for the relevant expression and effectual practice of religion in the life of the University.
- To serve as an agency for the initiation, sponsorship, coordination and/or implementation of programs and projects on behalf of religious workers at the University.
- To provide an agency for unified expression and action by the religious workers without violating or sacrificing the diversity of their particular religious convictions and commitments.
- To learn about, appreciate, and respect other religious traditions.