



ELON
UNIVERSITY

TRUITT CENTER FOR
Religious and
Spiritual Life



WE ARE MULTIFAITH AT ELON

THE TRUITT CENTER
SUPPORTS AND ENGAGES
THE ELON COMMUNITY
WITH THE WISDOM OF
THE WORLD'S RELIGIOUS,
SPIRITUAL, AND ETHICAL
TRADITIONS



Elon University is a Multifaith campus. This means you are invited to come as you are.

We welcome community members of all and no religious traditions in our spaces. Our students are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Bahai, Unitarian Universalist, Wiccan, Jain, Sikh, Atheist, Agnostic, questioning, seeking, learning, & more.

The Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life provides an on-campus environment to engage with meaning and purpose, and explore diverse religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions, worldviews, and identities.



THE NUMEN LUMEN PAVILION

The Numen Lumen Pavilion, located in the Lambert Academic Village, is a place for prayer, meditation, and reflection in the heart of campus. Our multifaith center provides an environment for robust dialogue about religion on campus, exploring what unites us in our common humanity and promoting the values served by deeper interfaith collaboration. The building boasts a multifaith Sacred Space, the McBride Gathering Space, a meditation garden, prayer room, meditation room, library, study room, and classroom.



AT THE TRUITT CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE, WE CULTIVATE SPACES & RELATIONSHIPS TO:



- **Engage** collaboratively in the affirmation of identities, the practice of faith, the celebration of traditions, and the deepening of values
- **Educate** through the sharing, exploring, and questioning of diverse worldviews
- **Empower** individuals and communities to embrace purpose, inclusivity, and service to others
- **Encourage** each other through radical hospitality, compassionate mentorship, and respectful spiritual care.

MULTIFAITH ENGAGEMENT

Interfaith Engagement and Multifaith understanding are central to our mission and to Elon University's commitment to inclusive excellence and global citizenship. Our campus spaces include the Numen Lumen Pavilion, Meditation Garden, Holt Chapel, the Labyrinth, and a Muslim Prayer room at the Law School.

Our ten year Multifaith Strategic Plan sets a bold course to make Elon a more religiously diverse, equitable, and inclusive campus and community. Through this plan, the university will support opportunities for multifaith learning and engagement for all members of the Elon academic community, and articulate the value and importance of multifaith learning, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Our programs include the annual Ripple Interfaith Conference, an ecumenical Spring Break, and our series of festivals and celebrations from diverse traditions.

Our cohort of Multifaith Interns help plan and lead many of our programs, and our Spirit and Pride Interns support the spiritual lives of LGBTQIA+ students.

*As a Multifaith Intern,
I can explore my own
faith, and I can also experience
different religious traditions and
learn more about all the different
communities on campus. In this
space, all my values and
beliefs are tied in together,
encouraged and supported.*

-Clara Watkins '25

CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE

Elon's five chaplains provide for the religious and spiritual needs of the entire campus community regardless of affiliations or background. The chaplains support students, faculty, and staff in their religious and spiritual lives, facilitate educational, spiritual, and religious opportunities on campus, and are available to members of the community for personal, social, spiritual, institutional concerns or joys. Chaplains also provide pastoral care, and serve as a listening ear and a non-judgmental conversation partner.

In collaboration with Counseling Services, chaplains offer Loss Support groups for students and for faculty and staff. Chaplains are also present in spaces across campus to discuss identity, meaning, and purpose.



BUDDHIST LIFE

Annual Buddhist programming includes the creation of the Green Tara Sand Mandala, a Tibetan Buddhist symbol that fosters both healing and peace for those who view it. Students interested in Buddhism are encouraged to explore this tradition as a religion and/or as a mindful path of self-cultivation.

CATHOLIC LIFE

The goal of Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) is to help students in their faith journey while at Elon and have fun along the way. CCM believes that faith gives life, and sharing faith gives life its meaning. Through small group gatherings, regular Mass and holiday worship, fun and meaningful weekend retreats, and service and volunteer opportunities, CCM builds community and connections. The campus Catholic community has a dedicated building, the Newman Center, located on South Campus.

HINDU LIFE

Through events, programs, and annual celebrations of Diwali and Holi, Hindu students on campus are invited to engage with their faith and build community. The Truitt Center provides space for all students to discover Hindu traditions, cultures, and beliefs. There are also student clubs and organizations that support Hindu students.

JEWISH LIFE

Jewish Life at Elon supports the communities of Hillel and Chabad. Hillel is open to all Jewish students from all backgrounds, of all identities, and all levels of observance. Hillel students gather at the Sklut Hillel Center for meals, to learn more about being Jewish, to celebrate Shabbat and the holidays, get engaged in social justice work, do homework, and spend time with friends or the staff. Chabad is an off-campus community organization which offers fun and meaningful activities, Shabbat and holiday observances, and learning.

MUSLIM LIFE

The Truitt Center provides space for Muslim students to build community, engage with their faith, celebrate holidays, and participate in weekly Jumma prayer services in our Muslim Prayer Room. Muslim Life hosts annual observances of Ramadan and celebration of Eid, as well as providing opportunities for the campus community to learn about Islamic beliefs, practices, and varied expressions of Muslim culture.

PROTESTANT LIFE

Elon's Christian groups include a wide range of worship styles and theological perspectives. Our Christian students are diverse: some are involved in interfaith dialogue, others practice yoga and meditation, some are active in service and global missions, and others are deeply committed to justice and peace-making. Each week there are multiple opportunities for worship, fellowship, prayer, and bible study.

SECULAR LIFE

The Truitt Center is a space for students of all and no religious and/or spiritual identities. Atheist, Agnostic, Secular, Humanist, questioning, seeking, and skeptical students are all welcome in our space and at all of our programming. Nonreligious students build community around shared ethical values, meaning, and purpose.



I am absolutely floored by how open and nonjudgemental everyone at the Truitt Center is. All are truly welcome there, and it is so nice feeling like I have a consistently safe space to go to on campus.

-Julia Johnson '24



TRUITT CENTER PROGRAMS

THE TRUITT CENTER OFFERS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THAT FOCUS ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH, INTERFAITH EXPLORATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

ELON UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS

NUMEN LUMEN: A THURSDAY INSPIRATION

Every Thursday, we gather in the Numen Lumen Pavilion to hear members of the community share pieces of their stories, enjoy live music and artistic expression, and share coffee and refreshments.

TURNING 21

The transition to adulthood is a milestone, a celebration, and a life-changing experience. At Turning 21, we celebrate students' journeys, and honor those who accompany them along their way to adulthood.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND LUMINARIES

Hundreds of candle-lit luminaries line the campus walkways as part of Elon's annual Festival of Lights and Luminaries. This beloved tradition is a celebration of the diverse religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions, worldviews, and identities held on our campus.

THE RIPPLE CONFERENCE

At Ripple, Elon's annual student-led interfaith conference, participants are invited to engage in a multifaith experience that inspires them explore their own identities, ask tough questions, and further engage in sustained interfaith within their own communities.

NUMEN LUMEN: SENIOR BACCALAUREATE REFLECTION

Baccalaureate provides graduating seniors an opportunity to come together as a class for reflection, with a focus on Elon's motto, "Numen Lumen" — signifying intellectual and spiritual light.

ACCOMODATIONS

Elon University has a strong commitment to encouraging students' spiritual development, and to be responsive to the increasing diversity of the campus community. The **Religious Observance Notification Policy** permits students to request an excused absence from class due to observance of a religious holiday.

Our **Multifaith calendar**, available on the Truitt Center website, helps educate the campus community about holiday observances and dates of significance throughout the year.

The Truitt Center works closely with Elon Dining to accommodate diverse dietary needs, including kosher, halal, and vegan diets. **Dietary accomodations** are foundational to ensuring that community members who have religious and ethical dietary commitments have a seat at the table and food to eat.