



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 AND
WORLDVIEWS.



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, Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Pagan, Buddhist, Unitarian Universalist, Quaker, Eastern Orthodox, Shinto, Baha'i, Sikh, Jain, Taoist, Agnostic, Atheist, learning, questioning, seeking, and more.

The Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life provides space to engage with meaning and purpose, and explore diverse religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions and worldviews.



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:



learn
more
here



- **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, Catholic and Jewish Life houses, 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, dialogue and educational opportunities, Multifaith Immersion Experiences, and our series of festivals such as the Sand Mandala, Diwali, Samhain, Lunar New Year, Purim, Holi, and Eid al-Fitr.

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



The Truitt Center intentionally designs ways for students to connect with each other and understand themselves better. I find so much joy in a community with such open doors! There is something for every kind of person at the Truitt Center.

-Kenzie Ross '27

CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE

Elon's four chaplains provide for the religious and spiritual needs of the entire campus community regardless of affiliation 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, and institutional concerns or joys. Chaplains also provide pastoral care, and serve as a listening ear and a non-judgmental conversation partner.

We offer monthly loss support groups for faculty and staff, and are also present 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 healing and peace for those who view it. Students are encouraged to explore Buddhism as a religion and/or as a mindful path of self-cultivation.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Catholic Life is a welcoming and vibrant community based in the "CCM House." All are invited to join in living and celebrating a life grounded in faith, nurtured by hope, and sustained by love. Catholic Life offer regular Mass and holiday worship, small group gatherings, fun and meaningful weekend retreats, and service and volunteer opportunities. Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) builds community, and offers leadership opportunities and paths for Catholic students to grow in their faith.

HINDU LIFE

Hindu students on campus engage with their faith and build community through programs, events, and annual celebrations of Diwali and Holi. 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.

EARTH BASED SPIRITUALITY/PAGAN LIFE

Elon supports a vibrant and diverse pagan community who gather to build connections, share rituals and practices, connect with the natural world, and educate the Elon community about earth-based spirituality.

JEWISH LIFE

Jewish Life at Elon supports the communities of Hillel and Chabad, Greek organizations Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) and Alpha Epsilon Phi (AEPi), and Tikken Olam. Jewish Life is open to all Jewish students of all identities, from all backgrounds, and all levels of observance. 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

Muslim students at Elon build community, engage with their faith, celebrate holidays, and participate in weekly Jumma prayer services in our dedicated Prayer Room. Muslim Life hosts annual observances of Ramadan and a 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 Protestant 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 peacemaking. Each week there are multiple opportunities for worship, fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.

By working at the Truitt Center, I have delved deeper into the intersectionality of immigration, identity, and religion through opportunities unique to my work as an intern, which is something that has shaped and defined my Elon experience.

-Lizeth Torres-Tomas '27

SECULAR LIFE

Atheist, Agnostic, Secular, Humanist, questioning, seeking, and skeptical students are all welcome in our spaces and at all of our programming. Non-religious students build community around ethical values, meaning, and purpose, and hold regular coffee hours.



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

Thousands 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 explore other identities as well as their own. It is a celebration of connection, curiosity, and understanding, and brings together people from diverse religious, spiritual, and ethical identities & worldviews to learn from others and build stronger 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 accommodations** are foundational to ensuring that community members who have religious and ethical dietary commitments have a seat at the table and food to eat.