

## ocrl's guiding philosophy

Living, studying, and working within a rigorous academic community can prompt and require responses to a host of profound questions—whether you are an undergraduate, graduate, medical school, or RUE student, or a member of the faculty, staff, or an alumnus/a.

Within Brown University and beyond, the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life (OCRL) seeks:



- **to create spaces and opportunities** where religious, philosophical, ethical, or spiritual practice questions can be voiced and explored openly.
- **to increase religious literacy** within the Brown community, by diving deeply into the complexity of religious identity through interfaith dialogue, multifaith collaborations, and engagement both within and beyond the Van Wickle Gates.
- **to care for the whole person—body, soul, and spirit**, by working to resolve conflicts and problems; to ease discomfort; to function as a quasi-ombudsperson for faculty, staff, students, and alumni/ae; to provide pastoral care and counsel; and to preside at life rituals for any member of the Brown community.

It is the privilege of OCRL's multifaith team of chaplains to care for a myriad of Brunonians, across many generations of the University's family.

Join us on this journey wherever you are in your life. All are welcome! We are eager to hear about the path you are exploring!

*The Reverend Janet M. Cooper Nelson  
Chaplain of the University*



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## our staff

The day-to-day work of the OCRL staff makes possible connections between the Brown family and its neighboring religious and community organizations. The many campus departments and organizations, with which OCRL collaborates, match and then multiply the chaplaincy's efforts throughout the University. On average, the office and its affiliates engage approximately 60 percent of the student body and 40 percent of Brown's staff, faculty, and alumni. Our staff members are:

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## affiliated communities

Through the multifaith character of the chaplaincy and its relationship to more than twenty religious life affiliates, OCRL continues to support a diversity of beliefs at Brown, facilitating the deepening of individuals' experience within their own belief systems, expanding religious literacy, broadening knowledge of other spiritualities and religious ideas that abound on campus, and promoting an ongoing interfaith dialogue. Among these groups are:

**Buddhism** • Zen Meditation

**Christian**

- **Athletes in Action** (A Ministry of Campus Crusade)
- **Black Scholars and Professionals** (A Ministry of InterVarsity)
- **The Branch Christian Ministry** (Chi Alpha—A Ministry of the Assemblies of God)
- **Brown Christian Fellowship** (A Ministry of InterVarsity)
- **Brown Graduate and Medical Student Christian Fellowship** (A Ministry of InterVarsity)
- **Brown-RISD Catholic Community**
- **A Call to Worship** (Ecumenical Protestant Sunday Worship)
- **Campus Ministries International** (United Pentecostal Campus Ministries)
- **Christian Science Community of Providence**
- **College Hill for Christ** (A Ministry of Campus Crusade)
- **Episcopal Ministry@Brown/RISD**
- **Imani Jubilee** (Contemporary Worship in the Black Church Tradition)
- **Orthodox Christian Student Association**
- **Quaker Group** (Religious Society of Friends)
- **Reformed University Fellowship** (Presbyterian Church in America)
- **Unified Christian Body** (A Ministry of InterVarsity, Asian-specific Chapter)

**Hinduism** • Brown Hindu Students' Association

**Islam** • Brown Muslim Students' Association

**Judaism** • Brown-RISD Hillel

**Unitarian Universalists**

**Yoga and Mindfulness**

## religious services

Manning Chapel, Brown Hillel, and the Brown Muslim Student Center represent some of the more established centers for religious services at the University. In addition, fellowship and spirituality groups meet frequently throughout the campus. A directory of meetings is available at [www.brown.edu/ocrl](http://www.brown.edu/ocrl), click on "Faith Communities."

**Manning Chapel (The College Green)**  
**A Call to Worship**  
Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

**Roman Catholic Mass**  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 12:00 p.m.  
(Father Henry Bodah hears confessions before both Sunday Masses and by appointment by e-mailing Henry\_Bodah@brown.edu.)

**Imani Jubilee**  
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

**Zen Meditation**  
Visit [www.brown.edu/ocrl](http://www.brown.edu/ocrl) for list of meditation times.

**Brown-RISD Hillel (80 Brown Street)**  
Shabbat at Hillel: Visit [www.brownhillel.org](http://www.brownhillel.org) for a listing of services and meals.

**Muslim Student Center (Basement of Champlin Hall, Pembroke Campus)**  
Visit [islamatabrown.blogspot.com](http://islamatabrown.blogspot.com) for a listing of Jumu'ah prayer services and Ramadan observances.

**Hindu Prayer Group (Vedanta Society of Providence, 227 Angell Street)**  
Visit [www.vedantaprov.org](http://www.vedantaprov.org) for more information about meeting and prayer services.