

College
is a time of
spiritual questioning,
searching, and exploring.

The Center for Religious and Spiritual Life fosters diverse cultural and religious learning and expression, spiritual development, hospitality and community engagement. We aim to increase student knowledge of and engagement with intersections of religion and world affairs, and to provide support and guidance to students as they wrestle with questions of meaning, faith and purpose.

The Center for
Religious and Spiritual Life
offers:

- Opportunities for Spiritual Practice
- One-on-One Guidance and Pastoral Care
- Student Advisory Board
- Student-led Discussions
- Community Service
- Social Justice Opportunities
- Religious Diversity Training
- Religious Services
- Ethical Reflection

*"What will you do with
your one wild and
precious life?"*

- Mary Oliver

**Connect with others
in a diverse, multifaith community.**

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*"Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing
and rightdoing there is a field.*

I'll meet you there.

*When the soul lies down in that grass
The world is too full to talk about."*

-Jalal ad-din Muhammad Rumi (13th century)

Helen Hills Hills Chapel
Smith College



Vibrant

The Smith Center for Religious and Spiritual Life is a unique setting for student engagement. You'll find holiday and holy day celebrations, a cappella concerts, religious text study, intriguing discussions, and fresh baked cookies – sometimes happening all at the same time.

Evolving

We tailor the programs and activities we offer each semester to students' questions, concerns, and ideas. Some of our popular programs include the Sunrise Hike, Buddhist Lunch, Soup Salad and Soul, and the HOT Seat, which focuses on ethics and morals.

Communal

We are a welcoming open community of learners, seekers, questioners, and believers. You can enjoy a home-made meal with other students, faculty, and staff or find a home away from home in a religious or cultural student organization.



“What I love most at the Center are the people. I’ll be working in the student room and it will fill up with Smithies, who’ve dropped in to do some work for their student org and we just get to chatting. It’s all in good fun and yet we’ve talked about some really deep things--because that’s what comes up when you’ve got three people working on event posters for three different religious traditions.”

- Aine Sweetnam '13

Integrated

A Smith education inspires you to make connections – in and out of the college classroom. Our Student Advisory Board (SAB) brings together students from many different spiritual orientations, including those who identify as agnostic and questioning. The SAB advises Center staff on policies, programs, and interfaith collaborative initiatives.

Open

The Center is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to all members of the Smith community for prayer, reflection, conversation, meditation, study, and worship. You'll find local religious congregations are very welcoming to Smith students.

Supportive

We meet with students at the Center, and also in student houses, dining rooms, the Campus Center, and for walks along the pond. Our office hours are flexible as well. Drop by the Center anytime to visit, hang out, or study. Our staff are also available to meet with students by appointment.



Accessible

We want all Smith students to feel there is a place for them here. We work to assure that you have what you need to thrive – whether it is food that meets your special dietary requirements, listening hearts, or a companion on your spiritual journey.

